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Orientation events prepare Class of 2014 for life at Elon, offer advice on how to succeed



Kicking off a weekend full of orientation events, students from the Class of 2014 arrived at Elon University early in the morning Friday, Aug. 29. In order to handle the rush, the school enlisted the help of orientation, residence life and physical plant staff members, and with the class being the biggest in Elon's history at 1,365 students, the day was full as new students moved onto campus. New Student Convocation took place Sunday, Aug. 29, to welcome the new class. At the ceremony, staff members offered advice to the new class, telling them to stay grounded and focus on what they want to achieve during their time at Elon. Orientation events came to a close Monday, Aug. 30.

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Elon man arrested for indecent exposure

Anna Johnson
Managing Editor

An Elon man was arrested at 2:24 a.m. Monday, Aug. 23, and charged with two counts of indecent exposure and secret peeping. Elon Police Chief LaVelle Lovette said he is believed to be involved with previous indecent exposure cases.

Phillip Brent Wagner, of 2224 Phibbs Road in Elon, is accused of indecently exposing himself Wednesday night at the Trollinger Apartments. According to the incident report, an Elon University senior saw a man outside of her apartment window masturbating. When she stepped outside, the man walked away toward the back of the apartments.

Witnesses chased the man toward Summerbell Avenue, where he left in a silver minivan. All the witnesses and the victim gave the same description: 6 feet, about 250 pounds, mid- to late-30s, no glasses, "scruffy looking" and wearing a red T-shirt and blue shorts.

Wagner was arrested Monday in conjunction with the Wednesday incident and was held on a \$1,500 secured bond. He posted bond and was released later that day.

Wagner has been identified as the suspect in other indecent exposure cases, but there was never enough evidence to charge him, Lovette said. It was thanks to the multiple witnesses in the recent case that the arrest was made, she said.

Students should realize some indecent exposure cases could continue to happen, even though Wagner was arrested, Lovette said. Wagner does not match all of the victims' descriptions, indicating there might be multiple suspects. There are three suspects, including Wagner, who are believed to be doing the majority of the indecent exposing, Lovette said.

"If you look at Mr. Wagner's record, he has been arrested. He's been

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Lighthouse to be leased to Town Table owner

Jack Dodson
News Editor

Lighthouse Tavern will no longer be run by Elon University but will be leased out to local business owner Chris Russell as of Thursday, Aug. 26, according to Gerald Whittington, senior vice president for business, finance and technology.

The bar will now be a pub called College Street Tap House, operated by Russell, open Wednesdays through Saturdays, with beer and wine and will occasionally serve food. Russell said he hopes the bar will open in late September.

"We're shooting for Sept. 17, which is kind of a tentative date (for opening)," Russell said.

Russell, who owns Town Table in Elon

and B. Christopher's in Burlington, said the bar will be more of a pub than it used to be when it was Lighthouse Tavern, but it won't necessarily be an Irish pub.

"It's going to be a pub-style atmosphere," he said, "but we don't want to pigeonhole ourselves into one genre."

College Street Tap House will serve 12 to 15 beers on tap, bottled beers, wine and some faux-cocktails. There will also be events where Russell said it will serve food from Town Table, have beer and brautwurst events or smoke a pig outside the bar. Depending on popularity, he said, they might offer food and events more regularly.

"Let's see what the demand is — I'd love to smoke a hog every night," he said.

The bar is going to be focused on attracting mainly Elon students, he said. As of right now, the bar has been taken out and is being redone, since he said it needed improvements.

"We want to make it nicer," he said. "The bar's going to be made of white oak. It was kind of rickety, the last one."

Russell said the pub will have a strong emphasis on live music, especially live acts by Elon students. Fridays, he said, there will be live acts, and Wednesdays the pub will host an Elon student band battle of the bands, a sort of American Idol-style process that would last throughout an entire semester. The winner of the competition would earn his or her own set at the bar, he said.

WSOE and Russell have also talked

about the future of shows brought in by the Elon student-run radio station.

"We will have some involvement with college radio," he said. "We look forward to working with WSOE, and we've started very preliminary talks."

He said the Student Union Board will also be involved in getting shows to the venue.

"We've got some larger bands coming," he said.

For Whittington, the move was a good opportunity to allow local business to grow in downtown Elon. In this case, Whittington said Russell approached

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New Student Convocation welcomes freshman class to Elon

Jack Dodson
News Editor

To welcome the newest class of Elon University students, the school held its annual New Student Convocation ceremony Saturday morning, where senior staff members and faculty from the school offered advice for a successful four years at Elon.

The event included speeches by President Leo Lambert, Associate Chaplain and Director of Religious Life Phil Smith and Vice President for Student Life Smith Jackson, among others.

"Elon University, from its founding, has been a place of transformation," Smith said. "This is a place you may learn from or interact with persons from all walks of life."

After Smith started the ceremony with an invocation, junior Taylor Martin, the Student Government Association executive president, welcomed the class of 2014 with some advice.

"College is not a place to lose control," Martin said. "You've worked too hard over the last few years to throw it away over one mistake."

He also told the class to remember that Elon's campus has a draw to it.

"I don't know what it is about this place, but you get stuck by its charm when you step on the campus," he said.

Jackson presented the statistics for the class: 44 states and 31 countries represented and six students from Alamance County who graduated from the Elon Academy, a program geared toward assisting low-income high school students reach college.

Steven House, provost and vice president for academic affairs and professor of biology, followed by introducing the faculty to the new class and the parents, going through their statistics and awards.

"Although these faculty may all look the same to you today — dressed in academic regalia and marching in straight lines — rest assured, they are interesting, passionate and committed individuals," House said. "You will see their uniqueness in the classes they teach, the plays they direct, the art they produce, the polls they conduct, the mock trials and model UN simulations they will create for you, and the many other ways your paths will cross over the next four years."

Lambert then spoke, welcoming the students, talking about his experience as a parent with a student in college and offering some tips for the incoming students.

"I can identify with the tear in mom's eye and the



Four students out of 1,365 of the freshman class remain at the end of President Leo Lambert's "human bar graph," representing the proportion of people in the world who receive degrees from four-year private colleges or universities in the United States. HEATHER CASSANO | Staff Photographer

lump in dad's throat," Lambert said. "What a privilege it's been for them to help you reach this day."

And with a different take on a New Student Convocation tradition, playing off the China-themed common reader for the class, Lambert led into the annual human bar graph part of his speech by talking about China's relationship with the United States. "China Road: A Journey into the Future of a Rising Power," was required reading for the Class of 2014, written by National Public Radio correspondent Rob Gifford.

To demonstrate the relationship between the two countries, he had 12 rows of students stand up in the back of the audience to represent the Chinese population. Three rows stood up in front to represent the people of the United States.

"The front row owes the back rows almost \$1.7 trillion," he said. "And the back rows manufactured almost all the things you bought at Target yesterday."

After Lambert went through the rest of the human bar graph, referencing the large amount of poverty, illiteracy and small amount of access to college degrees, four students were left standing in the front row representing people with four-year degrees from private institutions.

"John and Quentin and Ricky and Olivia, and the class of 2014," he said, "consider your good fortune this morning."

Lambert highlighted some of the biggest aspects he sees as important to an Elon education including internships, study abroad, undergraduate research and the ability to have a good time without being irresponsible.

At the end of his speech, he held an acorn in front of the class.

"The symbol of promise," he said. "The promise of an education."



Lucie Miller, a senior orientation leader, helps freshman Lauren Koster from New York during move-in day. HEATHER CASSANO | Staff Photographer



Members of the Class of 2014 move in with the help of orientation staff Aug. 27. LINDSAY FENDT | Photo Editor

Freshmen arrive on campus, orientation staff assist move-in

Jack Dodson
News Editor

With 1,365 new students and 71 transfers all moving in Aug. 27, Elon University was full of new students, parents, orientation and residence life staff as well as physical plant workers all helping students get situated.

Early in the day, Orientation Leaders and Head Staff members joined Residence Life to prepare for the new students.

Orientation Head Staff member Caroline Cronin said there was an early morning rush when move-in started, but after that everything went smoothly. The crowd showed up at North Area residence halls well before the 8 a.m. start time that morning, she said.

"Before sign in, we had at least 30 families lined up," Cronin said. "Out-of-staters are eager."

For the Orientation Leaders and

Head Staff, the day consisted of long hours. Cronin said she woke up around 4 a.m., starting work at 5:30 a.m., and wasn't finished until 1 a.m. The next morning the orientation staff met again at 7 a.m.

Cronin said the afternoon was a little bit of a break from the rush of students coming in the morning, though.

Assistant Director of Residence Life for West Area Richard Baker, who stood by the tent near McEwen throughout the morning, said the move-in process in his area was going smoothly once the early crowd was moved in to their dorms.

Once the first wave of students and parents had come through at the start of the day, Baker said his West Area group had become like a well-oiled machine, with a system to how they were helping the new students.

He said the most important thing during move-in day was to get

students in to their dorms.

"We have to make sure we get them to the right place, answer questions," he said.

New students began moving in Aug. 27 at 8 a.m. Early arrivals were from more than four hours away, so many were coming from hotels to get to campus. Later arrivals, starting at 10 a.m., were from closer by.

"It was a little stressful getting out," freshman Jillian Plotner said. "But it's nice out, and there are a lot of people around to help."

Plotner, from Great Falls, Va., came to campus from her hotel in Burlington. Her dad, Alan, said she was the third — and last — new student moving to college this summer from her family. Her twin had moved in at University of Virginia the weekend before.

"It's been a very difficult summer," her mother Barbara said.

But for some students, the trip to campus was much farther than

coming from Virginia.

For Jason Meerbergen, a San Diego native and the brother of new student Ashley, the move-in process came after a cross-country trip. He drove to Elon with his father during the week before Aug. 27, stopping in various places in the southern part of the country on the way.

"We stopped in Flagstaff, Oklahoma City, Albuquerque," Meerbergen said. "It was a great time."

He said he and his father met Ashley and her mother at Elon to help her move in to her new school. When they were done at Elon they were going to stay at his school, Ursinus College in Pennsylvania, where he's a junior.

Meerbergen said moving his sister in to school reminds him of his early days in college.

"It's cool — it's a lot of work," Meerbergen said. "It kind of brings me back to my freshman year."

Local man airlifted to hospital after train accident

Anna Johnson
Managing Editor

A white Chevrolet pickup truck was struck at 8:10 p.m. Aug. 26 by a Norfolk Southern train on Cook Road. The driver, a Gibsonville native, was airlifted to Chapel Hill.

Barry Kevin Shelton, 51, the driver of the vehicle, suffered several lacerations and had labored breathing. He was the sole passenger.

Gibsonville Police Chief Mike Woznick said Shelton had some sort of medical ailment that may or may not have played a role in the cause of the accident. The police will know more when the medical reports are released, which, he said, could take more than a week to be completed.

Shelton was in the middle of the railroad crossing arms when he was hit by the train.

"You can drive right through the rails. They're made of thin wood," Elon Fire Department Chief Eddie King said. "The last thing you want to do is panic. With that train coming by, you have no time to react."

King said the cargo trains can go as fast as 35 to 50 miles per hour, but he didn't know how fast this train was going. The westbound train has three locomotives and 98 cars, said Rob Shapman, Norfolk Southern train representative. His records show the accident took place at 7:50 p.m. and the track speed limit was 50 mph. A Federal Railroad Administration Office of Safety Analysis shows there have been no other accidents at the Cook Road site.

Gibsonville Police Patrol Officer Alex McCollum is handling the case, and he said the incident report could take several weeks before it can be released.

"We had to subpoena medical records," he said. "And a reconstruction team has to complete their report."

At this point, police are unsure if Shelton's medical history played a role in the accident. Shelton could not be reached for comment, but a UNC Medical Center spokesperson said he was in stable condition Friday, Aug. 27.

Cook Road dissects the Town of Elon and the Town of Gibsonville. Elon Fire Department and Gibsonville Police Department are handling the accident. Alamance Emergency Responders also reported to the scene.

A group of Elon University students was across the road at Phoenix West Apartments when the accident happened. They were at the hot tub between two



Police officers talk to reporters near the accident. Gibsonville Police Patrol Officer Alex McCollum said the incident report could take several weeks to complete.

buildings, where three students had a direct view of the incident.

"I just saw the train go by and I happened to look up and I saw smoke," junior Katie Franklin said. "I didn't really hear it."

Junior Jason Apple said right after the incident, the glass from the car was sprayed through the air — what Franklin said looked like particles hanging in the air. Apple said he saw the car in the air as it was hit.

"The glass just blew out," Apple said. "(The train) tossed the car — it looked like a cardboard box."

The students said they ran immediately toward the road by the accident and talked to drivers passing by, trying to figure out what had happened. Franklin said they didn't call 911 right away because they saw a police car at the intersection.

Sophomore Meg Plummer, who contributed to this report, was in the nearby pizza restaurant Anna Maria's Pizzeria when the accident happened. She said she found out when she watched a police officer sprint from the store after he'd been paged that the incident had occurred close by.

"On the walkie-talkie they said, 'It's right where you are,'" Plummer said.



A white Chevrolet pickup truck was struck by a train on Cook Road near University Drive Thursday evening. The man, Barry Shelton, 51, was airlifted to the hospital, suffering from several lacerations.

"(The police officer) all of the sudden put down his drink and sprinted out to the train. People in the restaurant started getting up and looking out the window — people got up and were rushing to the

train, were crying hysterically. It was very surreal ... there were parts everywhere."

Jack Dodson, Meg Plummer and Pam Richter contributed to this report.

Lease to local business owner fulfills part of The Elon Commitment

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school officials about turning the business over to him. He said the opportunity was a good one because it relieved Elon of the liability of owning a bar.

With The Elon Commitment 10-year strategic plan underway, the school has been looking to attract local business owners to develop the downtown area. Whittington said leasing the bar to Russell presented a good opportunity to do that.

"What we're trying to do is facilitate retail development in the town any way we can," Whittington said.

He said the development of downtown Elon comes from three places — the town itself, the school and the participation of local entrepreneurs who invest in businesses in Elon.

Russell said his recent opening of The Town Table and move to open College Street Tap House came from a good opportunity to step up in the market he calls the most important in Alamance County.

"For the past probably year or so, we've been talking to the university," he said. "We want to be here and help develop the spot."

He said down the road, he sees the downtown being much larger than it is now.

"It just becomes a whole hub of commerce," Russell said. "Lots of opportunity for merchants. And the town and the students are the ones who are going to benefit."

Wagner suspected in similar cases

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charged," she said. "It hasn't stopped him (in the past), so while we know we have arrested him for this, it doesn't mean he's not going to continue doing it. So you definitely don't need to be letting your guard down because we have made an arrest."

Wagner's record includes second degree trespassing in 2003 and indecent exposure in 1998 in Alamance County.

In Orange County, he was found guilty of secret peeping, simple assault and harassing phone calls in 1991, indecent exposure and probation violation in 1993, and indecent exposure in 1994.

In the upcoming weeks, the Elon Police Department will go through all of the

indecent exposure cases to see which cases Wagner is likely to be a suspect.

Dean of Student Life Smith Jackson sent an e-mail to students Monday afternoon with a photo of Wagner and a press release from the Elon Police Department.

"Keep your doors locked and walk in pairs," Jackson said. "You just never know when something like this could happen. It is everyone's responsibility to keep things safe and secure."

Police reports show there have been more than 10 indecent exposure cases since 2008. Some are seemingly connected while others appear to be single incidents. Wagner's court case is set for Oct. 4.

Sidetrack Grill closed because of rent issues

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Mike Dula, Elon's town manager, confirmed Sidetrack Grill was closed mid-August because rent was not being paid on the building.

Dula said the town is not involved in the closing of the restaurant, but the building's owner, Joel Brown, had taken the action against Sidetrack Grill.

A sign on the front door of the establishment reads: "Sidetracks is permanently closed. We would like to thank all our patrons for years of support. Please continue to support local businesses on Lebanon Ave."

Elon University has no interest in buying the building and won't be involved in what happens to it, said Gerald Whittington, Elon's vice president for business, finance and technology.

Sidetrack Grill has had related issues in the past, including a brief closing during March 2009 because of tax evasion. During that time, the restaurant was closed by the North Carolina Department of Revenue.

According to a restaurant employee and Elon student, Sidetrack Grill also had trouble paying its employees. The anonymous employee, who asked to remain unnamed, said workers were paid under the table and never had to pay taxes on their wages, which were rarely paid on time.

"Basically we would get paid in

cash at random," the employee said. "We were supposed to get paid every Friday, but that never happened."

When Sidetrack Grill was closed down recently, the employee said the restaurant never called to explain.

"I have just heard from a cook who used to work there that for a while they've been having money issues," the employee said. "They didn't call me."

The worker also said managers at the restaurant never required a W-4, and if the tips didn't cover the difference between wages and minimum wage, the restaurant wouldn't always raise pay.

"Your employer is only required to pay \$2.13 an hour in direct wages if that amount plus the tips received equals at least the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour," according to PayWizard.org, a Harvard Law School-affiliated website.

The restaurant, located at 110 W. Lebanon Ave., was owned and operated by Chad Snyder, an Elon alumnus and former adjunct religious studies professor. Snyder also formerly owned Lighthouse Tavern and Deli, until he was arrested in late 2007 for possession with the intent to sell and/or deliver cocaine. He was later charged with possessing approximately 165 mL of Schedule I GHB, a common date rape drug, violating the Controlled Substance Act.

Brown and Snyder could not be reached for comment.

Elon businesses push liquor by the drink

Sam Parker
Senior Reporter

In the hopes that selling liquor could keep business in local restaurants, staff members from The Fat Frogg in Elon have been pushing for a change in the law so that liquor can be sold by the drink in the Town of Elon.

Three staff members from the restaurant, including owner Jeff Mackenzie and manager Peter Ustach, went to a Town of Elon Board of Aldermen meeting in July to make a plea for changing the law. Town Manager Mike Dula said the town hasn't come to a decision whether to back the idea.

Dula said the sale of liquor by the drink requires a vote by residents of Elon, since the town currently has a brown-bagging law that allows customers to bring their own alcohol to restaurants. He said a vote can be scheduled by the Board of Aldermen, or by a petition. State law and the local Elections Board govern the process, and if approved, considerations for advancing steps and regulations for liquor by the drink will be put into motion.

Local businesses have not yet started a petition to get liquor by the drink, according to Ustach, who is a graduate of Elon University.

Ustach said the Elon community has made significant strides within the last five years to establish local restaurants that offer not only good food, but also more established alcoholic menus.

"With the addition of all these different cuisines and different

atmospheres, we are able to draw more people into Elon from the surrounding community, which is great for the school and town," Ustach said.

If these businesses were allowed to sell liquor by the drink, he said he believes people will be more drawn to come on a regular basis. He said if customers could get a martini at 116 Oak, a margarita at The Fat Frogg or a gin and tonic at Simply Thai, they would be more likely to seek these places that cater not only to families with children, but to those of legal age as well.

Ustach said he also feels the change in law would decrease the amount of binge drinking at the university. If liquor by the drink is implemented, he said he thinks students would be in less danger of drinking too much because they wouldn't be forced to drink in their dorm rooms before going out if they're of age.

"I think offering liquor will make students not drink as much before they go to the bar," Ustach said. "For restaurant and bar owners, this is much safer because you can limit and track how much someone has had to drink versus not knowing how much was consumed before they came to the bar."

Chris Russell, who owns Town Table, said he's a supporter of the new considerations as well, though he doesn't plan to take an active role in the push for a change in the law. Russell said he plans to sell faux-cocktails in his new bar, College Street Tap House, without alcohol until a decision is made.



LINDSAY FENDT | Photo Editor

Customers at The Fat Frogg in Elon drink beer while they wait for their food. Staff members at the bar are pushing for a change in the local law that would allow liquor to be sold by the drink.

Dula said in making a decision, the majority of the community must also consider safety and health regulations before approving the change.

"There are standards and requirements that an establishment must meet to receive liquor by the drink licenses from the state," Dula said.

Enforcement of alcohol would be by local police as well as the Alcohol Law Enforcement group (ALE), he said.

A component of accessing an alcohol license is the requirement of all employees at bars to take a Responsible Alcohol Safety course, a program offered by the North Carolina ABC Board. Ustach said the program targets

fake identifications, how to identify someone who has had too many drinks and what to do in certain instances, such as alcohol poisoning.

Senior Blythe Westendorf said she feels Elon students will not be greatly affected by the addition of hard alcohol so close to campus.

"Regardless of whether or not (Fat Frogg) has hard liquor, students are going to go there because it has a convenient location," Westendorf said. "Maybe some people would feel more inclined to buy hard liquor if it were available, but probably just as many people would not buy it or care that it was available."

Elon policy says alcohol removes possibility of consent

Rebecca Smith
Reporter

Activities like C.H.O.I.C.E.S., a skit exploring social responsibility and sessions led by orientation leaders all educate the incoming class about Elon University's policies during the first few days of each academic year. One policy in particular is emphasized — consent.

According to the Sexual and Relationship Violence page on Elon's website, "if an individual is asleep, passed out, has consumed alcohol or drugs, or is in any other way impaired, she or he cannot give legal consent."

If a student is under the influence, the student cannot consent to intercourse or any sexual activity. When both people are under the influence it can make the judicial process more complicated.

"Neither of them consented if they are both under the influence," said Leigh-Anne Royster, coordinator for personal health programs and community well-being. "In both, people say that it was a violation, then there could be competing charges. Both sides of the story would have to be looked at."

If someone wants to report a rape, they do not have to prove their blood alcohol content to Elon. The campus judicial system often accepts reports from student witnesses who were out with the student and witnessed the student drinking.

"If a person is thinking that they are going to pursue a criminal option, then they have the right to a breathalyzer and to record that," Royster said. "We've had students say, 'this happened to me,' and I have told them it's their choice to have law enforcement record their blood alcohol content. In a court of law, that can be proof."

Elon has its own course of action for rape and sexual acts on campus.

"I want to make it very clear that Elon uses the label non-consensual acts," said Whitney Gregory, coordinator of Judicial Affairs. "So it is not just sex, it is all sexual acts. This can be used for male on male acts, female on female acts. I think it's important to note the breadth of Elon's policies."

Initially, there would be an investigation during which Judicial

Affairs would get information from the students involved, witnesses and friends. A no-contact order would be offered through the office of Judicial Affairs.

"Neither party can have contact with each other during the investigation," Gregory said. "There couldn't be any Facebook contact, texts or phone calls. If the parties did not follow this there would be a judicial process for not following the no-contact order."

Gregory said this allows both parties an equal change in the investigation.

The initial investigation is used to make sure there is enough evidence to move forward with charges and to indicate what the charges will be. Judicial Affairs has an initial conference where the university defines charges and gives the student accused an opportunity to bring in witnesses.

"At this point we would tell the students to bring in any evidence they want to show on their behalf and the names of any students that should be interviewed," Gregory said. "After that we would schedule a hearing. Both students have the option to participate in the hearing or not."

The court of law and Elon's Judicial Affairs have differences when handling situations involving consent.

"The court of law could have very different definitions about rape or sexual harassment," Gregory said. "We are looking at the university's policies and we have different guidelines about things including evidence we can use."

Gregory said the investigation can look at Facebook messages, which the criminal case might not.

"I want it to be a fair process for everyone, and I don't want anyone to think there is an assumption that they would be found guilty," she said.

Personal help programs led by Royster and student-run organizations like S.M.A.R.T., Student Mentors Advising Rising Talen, aim to prevent the need for judicial action for sexual violence. Instead, students will know how to avoid situations that lead to confusion over consent.

"It is really likely that both people have consumed alcohol," Royster

said. "I always want to encourage students that it is less about who had the most alcohol, and more about creating a culture where we think about things before we are in the

moment, before we have consumed alcohol. We are not communicating, and all of those things lead to more miscommunications, regretted sex and sexual violence."

Party Smart

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Ever Elon nears end, enters final stage

Becca Tynes
Senior Reporter

The final phase of Ever Elon, Elon University's five-year campaign to build the school's endowment, has begun. As of mid-August, donors have contributed more than \$79 million in gifts and pledges. The goal of the campaign is to raise \$100 million by the end of 2011.

"We still have roughly 21 percent of the campaign to go and a number of donors who are considering making donations," said Jim Piatt, vice president for University Advancement.

Piatt said the university is not making any predictions as to when the goal will be reached.

"Once we get there, however, it will be a tremendous sense of accomplishment," he said.

The campaign is broken up into three primary categories. Endowment is the largest of the three with a goal of \$70 million. The operations goal for the campaign is \$20 million, while the capital goal is \$10 million. The capital goal funds are earmarked for preserving and building the Elon campus.

Piatt said the primary purpose of growing Elon's endowment is to allow the university to increase scholarship opportunities for students in need. In the coming years, Elon is working to double the amount of money spent on need-based scholarships.

Additionally, the lingering recession continues to put more pressure on the demand for financial aid.

"Financial aid and scholarships may be more important today than they ever have been due to the current economy," Piatt said. "Students are demonstrating need."

Chuck Davis, assistant vice president and director of the Ever Elon campaign,

agreed that the top priority of Ever Elon is endowing scholarships.

While the vast majority of money raised from the campaign is used to support scholarship endowment, many donors continue to provide annual unrestricted gifts that go straight to the university's operations budget. These funds are used for daily operations of the university and wherever students need it most.

"Many of our alumni will make an annual gift to support our ongoing operational needs," Piatt said. "Those dollars go right to work."

There are four building projects on Elon's campus that either have been built or will be built using the money raised under the capital goal. These projects include Lindner Hall, a multi-faith center, the Alumni Field house and renovations of the Alumni Gym.

"The campaign helps enhance the world class facilities at Elon that our community has come to enjoy," Davis said.

According to Davis, the Ever Elon campaign has had a tremendous effect on the university.

"It has helped our constituents both internally and externally understand the importance of endowment," Davis said. "Overall, it has helped people understand the joy of investing in people."

According to Davis, another campaign will be under way once the Ever Elon campaign concludes.

"There will always be a university campaign," Davis said.

What Davis wants Elon students to understand most about the campaign is that every single gift counts toward Ever Elon and is critically important.

"The campaign really isn't so much about all these numbers," Piatt said. "It's about people coming together to support our university."



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Town Manager Mike Dula said any development by the university or private business owners would be a joint venture between the school and the town. The town is responsible for roads, sewers and other utilities.

Development of downtown Elon underway as university hires consultant

Rachel Southmayd
Senior Reporter

In an effort to build up the downtown area of Elon, the university recently hired Ken Kauffman, a development consultant, to begin making this goal a reality.

According to Gerald Whittington, senior vice president for Business, Finance and Technology, Kauffman has worked on building retail areas for institutions including the University of North Carolina, Duke University and Wake Forest University, among others.

Whittington said this part of the Elon Commitment, a 10-year strategic plan, could progress within the next few years.

"I would expect in the next year or two or three that you'd probably see some new building or some highly renovated buildings that would include new retail opportunities," he said.

Whittington said Kauffman has experience developing retail in college towns.

He will work to identify properties that could be developed, renovated or revitalized for new businesses, Whittington added.

"You want retailers of high quality," he said. "You want retailers who will be successful in drawing people year round."

Whittington said this includes businesses like clothing and jewelry stores, restaurants, services like dry cleaners and drug stores and professional

offices for doctors and lawyers.

He also said expanding Elon's downtown area is not just the responsibility of the university, but also local entrepreneurs. The university wants independent business owners to invest in the area, not just the university itself.

"What we're trying to do is make a difference initially that will tip the balance and make others come in and say 'wow that's a great place to be,'" Whittington said.

Town Manager Mike Dula said the Town of Elon created their own plan for retail expansion about five years ago.

"In our case, the retail part of downtown is relatively small compared to the size of the whole town," he said.

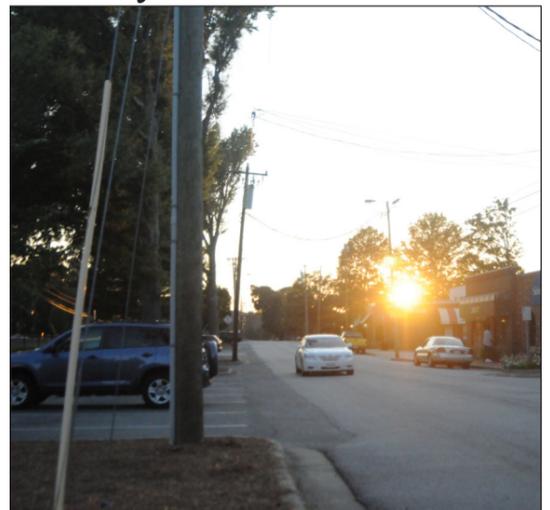
Dula said since the town is responsible for roads, sewers and other related utilities, any development by the university or private business owners would have to be a joint venture.

David Dillion, owner of 116 Oak restaurant on West Lebanon Avenue, said he would love to see the area rid of non-retail.

"I would love for the downtown to have more stores, more restaurants," he said.

Dillion said it would be beneficial if businesses were also targeted to residents other than students.

"We want the Town of Elon to be a destination for not only our students, faculty and staff, but our community itself," Whittington said.



JACK DODSON | Photographer

The University recently hired Ken Kauffman as a development consultant to build up downtown Elon. He has experience with other university towns.

Dula added that the availability of private money would be a factor in downtown expansion.

"I hope that things develop in a positive and economical way," he said.

According to Whittington, there are no formal plans for development at this time.

20-minute parking spots brings convenience to students

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

Students looking for a quick place to park will now find spots more conveniently with the addition of four new 20-minute parking spots by the railroad tracks near the McEwen School of Communications.

Chuck Gantos, director of Campus Safety and Police, said the Student Government Association originally had the idea for new parking spaces and passed the resolution at the end of the last school year, approving two parking spots on each end of the tracks.

"SGA realizes that parking for students is a hassle, and there are some times when you only need to step into a building for a few minutes," said Taylor Martin, executive president of SGA. "We wanted to get this implemented as fast as we could so that students could enjoy its use."

Gantos said the spots are particularly convenient to residence halls.

"Students are able to unload groceries, carry laundry, stop and drop off a book,"

he said.

Martin said the parking restrictions by the railroad tracks had previously made these quick trips impossible for students.

Gantos said anyone with a registered vehicle will be able to use the spots.

"We (monitor) these just like in Moseley Center," he said. "An officer goes by every 30 minutes to make sure people have moved their cars. If they haven't, they take down their license plate number."

Before the legislation was written, Martin said SGA took note of student response. "Students on campus feel so strongly about the need for more parking spaces that this idea shot to the front of the line," he said. "We have the full support of the students."

Martin said there has been talk of new 20-minute parking spots in other locations, though no specific plans have formed yet.

"Parking is one of the main issues on campus and we are doing our best to make sure that we can solve this problem," he said.



LINDSAY FENDT | Photo Editor

With the addition of four 20-minute parking spots by the railroad tracks, students with registered cars can now make quick trips near McEwen School of Communications and downtown Elon. Campus police officers patrol the spots regularly to ensure the time limit is enforced.

Program integrates social media to encourage carpooling

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

A new program arriving at Elon University this fall will integrate the use of social media to assist student, faculty and staff in finding carpool partners.

Zimride, an innovative online rideshare system, will use Facebook and Google Maps integration, said Elaine Durr, sustainability coordinator.

"To sign up for a free account, go to www.zimride.com/elon. Post the ride you would like to share," she said. "Users can post one-time trips such as going to the airport, Greensboro or the beach, as well as regular commuting trips."

The Zimride system will then search for rides based on other Elon Zimriders and provide a list of matching ride postings, Durr said. It is a secure network that requires a current Elon e-mail address to gain access.

Based on an Elon commuter habit survey from the fall of 2008, 10 percent of staff and 14 percent of faculty carpool on an average of three days a week and 35 percent of students carpool an average of two days a week.

According to Durr, an E-net announcement has been made promoting the program, and students should also expect an e-mail about the program during the first week of classes.

"Orientation Leaders and Resident Assistants have also been informed about this new program," she said.

Promotions will also be used to encourage participation. Five Zimriders from around the country who use the system before October 15 will win a \$100 Visa gift card. A grand prize of \$1,000 will also be

awarded to one carpooling group that submits a fun picture or story of their carpool by that date.

Durr said the program will not only help users save time when finding someone to share a ride with, but will also allow them to share transportation costs.

Furthermore, carpooling puts less wear and tear on vehicles and will mean less demand for additional parking lots, which would preserve green space.

"With fewer single occupancy vehicles coming to campus each day, carbon emissions will decrease," Durr said. "Carpooling (can) prevent 19.4 pounds of CO2 emissions for each gallon of gas you don't use."

In 2008, commuting emissions of students, faculty and staff reached 13.6 percent and in 2009, reached 14.9 percent.

"Commuting emissions increased primarily from an increase in population," Durr said.

In the spring of 2010, Elon completed a Climate Action Plan to reduce the university's emissions by 2037.

"The strategies and goals outlined in the CAP will, by 2037, reduce emissions from what the university produced in its 2008 baseline year," Elon's sustainability website said. "Those reductions are expected even as the campus increases its building square footage through future projects."

Durr said the interim reduction targets for Elon's overall net emissions, are 5 percent by 2015 and 18 percent by 2020.

"Elon's Climate Action Plan will be reviewed periodically and revised as appropriate to take new technologies, incentives and developments into consideration," she said.

Carpooling on campus

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Online payment system available for traffic violators

Offenders able to pay citation fees through website

Camille DeMere
Reporter

Minor traffic violators in North Carolina can now skip the court fees and lines, and head directly to their nearest computers. At the end of June, a new system was implemented statewide allowing drivers to pay their fines on payncticket.org using major credit cards.

If an Elon University security officer catches a student speeding or following too closely, those tickets can be paid through the new system as well.

"Any citation written by an Elon campus police officer goes through the court system, just like if any other officer wrote it," said Captain Vickie Moehlman of Campus Safety and Police.

Moehlman said most students don't realize Elon campus police is equal to any other law enforcement agency.

"The only difference is our jurisdiction," she said. "It's private property and the public property is adjacent to it."

According to Sharon Gladwell, communication director of the administrative office of the courts, the system has been in development since October 2009. As of Aug. 24, drivers had used it to pay more than 15,000 citations.



ALEX TRICE | Photographer

Students can now pay traffic tickets on new website.

Before the payment goes through, users must acknowledge they are waiving their constitutional right to a trial in open court. In addition, they must also pay a processing fee.

It currently accepts payments for most waivable traffic offenses including improper passing, failure to yield, following too closely and texting while driving.

Users can access their records on the site by using a citation number issued to them at the time of the ticket, or by searching by last name.

While moving violations go through the North Carolina court system, Moehlman said on-campus parking tickets will still need to be paid in the traffic office in The Oaks.

"Those tickets are a civil matter on private property and have nothing to do with the state law," she said.

Gladwell said there are plans to expand the system, but due to resource shortages, they have been put on hold.

Elon employee fills seat on Gibsonville Board of Aldermen

Bromilow plans to encourage economic development

Anna Johnson
Managing Editor

Neil Bromilow, Elon University's director of Planning, Design and Construction Management, has been appointed to Gibsonville's Board of Aldermen.

Bromilow was appointed during the Aug. 2 meeting. He is taking



Neil Bromilow

Director of planning, design and construction management

natural extension of his previous work.

The Gibsonville farmers' market and the Saturday night music were created by the efforts of those on

the downtown revitalization board, including Bromilow.

A community center, a gym and other town staples are plans of Bromilow, along with accessing how the town spends its money.

Another aspect of Bromilow's plan is to formulate a plan for attracting businesses to Gibsonville.

"We need to economic development," he said. "Nothing formal like a chamber of commerce, but a strategy for economic growth."

The big three items on his agenda include planning for larger projects, looking at the town's cost effectiveness and pursuing economic development.

The rest of the board, he said, probably feels the same way.

"They are probably in the realm of common ground," he said. "And there are different ways of achieving this, but we are talking about apple pie. It's not controversial."

Taking the position on the Gibsonville Board of Aldermen will not affect his work at Elon University, he said.

Bromilow will serve the remainder of the term, which ends in November 2011. It's too soon, he said, for him to decide if he will run in the election.

Elon recognized as 'Great College to Work For'

Janae Frazier
Reporter

Elon University was recently recognized on The Chronicle of Higher Education's 2010 list of "Great Colleges to Work For," an honor that did not surprise Smith Jackson, vice president and dean of student life.

"(The recognition) was just an affirmation of what a great place Elon is," he said.

Jackson said he believes the faculty and staff like to work at Elon because it is a special place that appreciates their talents and values the dedication of everyone.

"From the grandest strategic planning discussions, to the most mundane everyday meetings, and across all units within the university, Elon is constantly striving to make real what we have come to know to be the elements of the best college experience," said Tim Peebles, associate provost for faculty affairs.

Elon University was specifically recognized for its collaborative governance, teaching environment, facilities, work spaces and security, confidence in senior leadership, respect and appreciation.

"It's always great to be recognized for excellence, especially when your institution is one of only 39 institutions out of 275 given Honor Roll distinction and singled out as one of the best 10 in no fewer than five categories," Peebles said.

Jackson said he believes the categories Elon was recognized for merely describe many of Elon's strengths.

"We all appreciate the strong sense of community we enjoy where people are respected for their views and who they are, and do take the time to appreciate each other's contributions, while also giving critical feedback on ways we can be even better," he said.

Dan Anderson, assistant vice president and director of university relations, said he feels collaborative governance is

particularly strong at Elon.

According to Anderson, the administration allocates decision making among faculty and staff, meaning all employees at Elon are included in determining the direction of the university. This in turn gives satisfaction to faculty and staff because their voices are heard.

Confidence in senior leadership was also a significant category. According to Anderson, President Leo Lambert has been at Elon since 1999, and the faculty and staff are satisfied with his wisdom and collaborative nature.

"The senior leadership is a collection of highly talented, ethical and innovative professionals who work well together as a team and keep the best interests of students, faculty and staff in mind," Jackson said.

He also works to make the institution excel into the future.

"(My department) has worked hard to

enhance the support and opportunities faculty have to grow and thrive as teacher-scholars, to attract and retain a world-class faculty dedicated to engaged learning," Peebles said.

Peebles said he was personally attracted to the university because of its commitment to engaged learning and the teacher scholar-model.

Ron Klepcyk, director of human services, has been at Elon for 33 years and said he loves working at Elon.

The university is constantly changing and doing innovative things in order to improve, he said.

"Elon has a strong 'esprit de corps' around the idea that we can constantly improve the student experience and make our mark on the national landscape of higher education as an innovative academic community that is student centered and progressive in its approach to education and students' development," Jackson said.

International Fellows program looks to increase diversity

Rebecca Smith
Reporter

Six percent of students in the class of 2013 are international students, and a new program is in the works to increase this number.

In the fall of 2011, an International Fellows program will join the six existing fellows programs — honors, Elon College, business, communications, teaching and leadership.

"The program is designed to help Elon attract more international students," said Woody Pelton, dean of international programs. "In particular, attracting more students who are nationals of another country and would need a visa to enter the United States."

Currently, the school is working on the admissions process of the program. This includes recruiting students and preparing materials that explain the scholarships and guidelines involved with the program. Planning for dates for applications is also taking place and figuring out a plan for classes and trips that will be offered for the students.

"In one way it would increase the diversity of our student

population," Pelton said. "Elon is an expensive school for most people that live outside of the United States. A student from outside the country is not eligible for many scholarships, including the Pell Grant and other loans."

Like other fellows programs, there will be requirements for International Fellows. They will have to take specific courses together, in addition to an Elon 101 class, a capstone class and two Winter Term courses.

"For Winter Term programs, we have kicked around different ideas," said Betty Morgan, associate professor of political science. "We believe that initially, one year, we will go to Washington, D.C. and one year we will go on a tour through the southern United States. This will help them learn about the richness of southern history."

Some of the additional services and classes that will be available to International Fellows are remedial English and English as a second language. The program will also have ways to help students put down roots in the community.

For incoming students looking to apply for the International Fellows program, the application process will be slightly different from other fellows programs. Students

will not be expected to attend Fellows Weekend during the previous spring as other fellows due.

"We will not make them attend a weekend, because the applicants will all be from outside the country," Pelton said. "It would be unrealistic to ask someone from China to come over for a weekend."

Instead, the process of applying will rely heavily on paper applications and tools such as Skype.

After this application process, the school hopes that 20 students will be in the inaugural class of International Fellows.

"We want students to learn as much from the International Fellows as possible," Morgan said.

The program aims to not only increase the diversity at Elon, but also to increase global awareness of the campus' population.

"We think it's vitally important to learn how to interact with people from different cultures," Morgan said. "If eventually you are assigned to a diverse team at work, it won't be your first time working with people from different backgrounds."

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Editorial

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

Seize the day: Opportunities emerge with the changing of the seasons

We set out our clothes the night before, carefully folding them, placing socks atop the carefully organized pile. We set our backpacks by the door and put our lunches in the fridge for safekeeping. Some of us lie in bed, eyes tightly shut (or some wide open), waiting for alarms to ring or our mothers to wake us.

This apprehension, this excitement was the first day of school for many of us. Our personal recollection of the first days of our fourth, sixth and ninth grades may bring back memories for us. Our intentional efforts to portray ourselves in the best possible light, our dependence on the small, yet monumental interactions with our peers that solidify our belief in ourselves. Those were the days where we enjoyed life in hours, each minute ran into the next, and we came home brimming with the possibility of new experiences and went to bed utterly exhausted. Those were the days where each morning presented bright new chances, mountains we had to climb and small triumphs that seemed like much, much more.

Now that we're older, the circumstances

have changed, but the principle is the same. Those tiny moments should still be treasured, though our obstacles still present challenges. It is never a bad time to revel in the dawning of a new day. At Elon University, the message rings true constantly. E-Net postings each week highlight the dedication and fortitude both current students and alumni display while bettering themselves and the world around them. We are each starkly unique, yet our links to success share one common thread: roots deeply entrenched in an environment that thrives on new beginnings.

Whether it is our freshman year, our sophomore spring semester, or Winter Term of our senior year, the seasons in our lives change, and we are amiss if we don't rise to the occasion. What are we really gaining if not the spirit of determination when we face our fears? What are we losing by plunging headfirst into the unknown?

Take this year to draw wisdom from those around you. Have you ever spoken frankly to an adult, peer or mentor about

how they adjust to the rapidly changing circumstances in their lives? Most of our student body has not yet reached the milestone of half of a century of life, but perhaps our mothers, fathers, aunts or uncles have. Many of the feelings that accompany that birthday are probably familiar to you, but what of giving birth, starting a new job or pursuing another degree? It is much like stepping into a new academic year, learning to stir up the courage it takes to turn over a new leaf, reinvent ourselves and retain the hope it takes to see ourselves through our next venture. The fear of failure is always there, but without it, would we know what success feels like?

We are certainly human. The feelings will surface, and we will often hinder our own progress. But discourage all self-restraint, we are Elon students, capable of taking a class completely unrelated to our majors, leading an organization our freshman year or starting our very own. Jump in and be free. This week, this semester or this year just may be the door you have been waiting to open.

Eliminating randomization of roommate assignments promotes lack of diversity

The surprise is over. Students no longer enter their dorm rooms for the first time wondering whom they will spend their first college year with. The unknown roommate died with Facebook. And the new technology brings about its own mixed blessing.

College students used to receive the name and address of their future roommate. The first meeting would occur in the dorm room and talks during the first week would determine when lights were turned out and when overnight visitors could stay.

Now universities and students take the roommate match into their own hands. Elon University requests freshmen to answer a few basic questions on sleeping and studying habits, and this preemptive matching makes sense. Why pair a night owl with an early riser? A student who values their quiet time and another student who can't turn the music off?

On the day students get their room assignments, they rush to Facebook to add each other and pick over each other's online life. The essential facts

are presented in quick succession for our demanding eyes. Favorite music, books, movies, television shows and politics. But is enjoying the same genre of books or sharing the same favorite band enough to ensure the roommate relationship will hold?

An online profile, regardless of how in depth it may go, can never fully represent the whole person. Learning about a person's character is a process, not an investigative report.

But the frantic searches on Facebook and e-mail exchanges are not in vain. Learning the superficial bullet points are beneficial, even if it only sparks the beginning of a conversation. A conversation can seed the roots of a wonderful relationship and friendship.

It's when students use the technological advancements to seek out only the similar and brush aside those who are different from them that the spirit of college roommates disappears. Students now seek out questionnaires to find perspective roommates. The Elon University Class of 2014 page on Facebook

has several discussion threads where students can post answers to questions in the quest to find a similar roommate.

Some students go as far to seek the help of third party websites. RoommateClick, URoomSurf and Roombug all pledge to help students find an ideal—familiar—roommate. College is not meant to be familiar. College is meant to be foreign, challenging and memorable. College roommates are no different.

Learning to manage those who may be messier or neater or smarter or prettier only helps a student learn the necessary coping skills that society demands. The world is not a cookie-cutter replica of our lives. Ideas, opinions and perspectives clash and students who are previously exposed to different viewpoints are better prepared to handle the real world challenges.

There are obvious advantages for rooming with someone who is similar with you, this much is certain. But a carbon copy roommate only hinders the personal growth and development college is meant to encourage.

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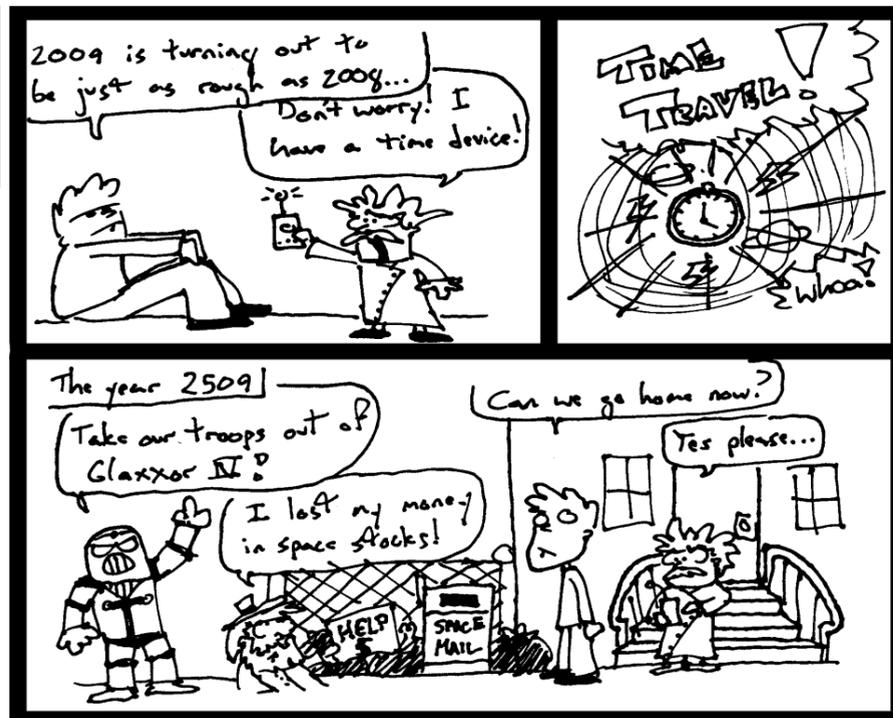
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Uneducated public opinion, political biases contribute to ground zero mosque controversy



Robert Wohner
Columnist

As the new school year starts, we are challenged to acknowledge and discuss controversial issues taking place around us. Those issues that affect people both in the surrounding Burlington community or populations thousands of miles away somehow always become entwined with our own personal world views. So, as we attempt to confer with

other members of the Elon community this fall, a hot topic of discussion could be the ground zero mosque.

A dominant headline on the television and Internet alike, this Islamic cultural center is an issue people on which tend to have an opinion. Though the answers to this question vary, they ultimately fall into two categories.

Some agree with Ann Coulter, who dubbed the cultural center an "extended middle finger at America." Others see the center as a cut-and-dry issue of constitutional religious rights. The Constitution says it; it is a fundamental freedom. That settles it.

But this is more complicated. As the story continues to lead content on cable news hours, it

has become apparent that this really isn't about an Islamic cultural center and this isn't about the victims of Sept. 11. This seems to be about hijacking the events of Sept. 11 to score cheap political points.

Ask some Republicans this question, and they say the United States' right to survival hasn't been this challenged since Lexington and Concord. For example, former Rep. and current gubernatorial candidate Rick Lazio (R. NY) is using the mosque to revitalize his lackluster campaign against heavy favorite Attorney General Andrew Cuomo. He's made this issue the cornerstone of his campaign, going so far as to use Sept. 11 footage in his campaign ads.

When Democrats are asked this question, many have to scramble to decide what answer to give. Rep. Anthony Weinger (D. NY), generally never one to avoid giving sound bites to Rachel Maddow or "Meet the Press," has been silent outside of writing a letter to New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg, praising him for his defense of religious liberty, while saying the rights of the victims' families should be protected. President Obama's original spoken expression on declaring religious freedom a right for all Americans was admirable.

When our elected officials are asked this question, there is no option. The government cannot be arbitrary as to who can register their constitutional rights. Supporting their rights

doesn't mean you are standing in solidarity with the mission of the builders. It means you are standing in solidarity with the Constitution.

Certain media outlets have latched onto the issue and created a spectacle that doesn't come close to reflecting the realities of the situation. Chris Matthews and Sean Hannity consistently open their shows with the topic.

In some ways, the cultural center is like the "balloon boy incident". Just like there was no boy in a balloon, there is no actual mosque in the immediate location of ground zero. The Islamic cultural center is being built two blocks away from where the Twin Towers once stood, and isn't visible from the site. The American public is being force-fed so much misinformation that it's hard for anyone to garner any real perspective.

I think building this center in this spot in an attempt to press some buttons. Many of those who sympathize with the center argue their efforts are to foster greater understanding of Islam in the United States. But ground zero shouldn't be used as a teaching tool by either mosque organizers or candidates like Lazio. An informed discussion about this particular controversial issue may encourage new sentiments about what is just, what is distasteful and what is completely unnecessary.

Ask away, Elon. And don't be worried about ruffling any feathers. This is college after all.

Earned by birthright: Class of 2014 shows potential to educate



Rebecca Smith
Columnist

In 1992, Queen Elizabeth declared the year an "annus horribilis," the Washington Redskins won the super bowl, Johnny Carson was replaced by Jay Leno on The Tonight Show

and most of the class of 2014 was born.

The professors of Elon University have a lot to teach the freshman class, including patience. For most college students today, the Internet has allowed them to research papers without opening a book, edit work on their laptops and quickly communicate with friends and family all over the world. It is true that the faculty of Elon will have to remind the class of 2014 that the Internet is not always a substitute for books, spell-check does not always create an error-free paper and penmanship is still an important skill. The lessons the newest students on campus learn will be innumerable and will exist inside and outside of the classroom.

Technology has affected the lives of today's college students. This has been well-documented and discussed in the past few years. But the class of 2014 has plenty to teach everyone else at Elon as well. Many of the debates currently occurring on an international and national scale have always been a part of life for the newest voices on Elon's campus.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States in 1993, 12 years after Sandra Day O'Connor. The class of 2014 has no memory of 25 percent of the associate justices being female. In 1992, 24 women were voted to Congress for the first time, the number of women in the Senate tripled and in November of that year, the House Democratic Caucus voted Nancy Pelosi as Democratic Leader. Females and minorities with leading positions in politics have been almost an expected part of life for people

under the age of 18.

Islamic fundamentalists also came to power in 1992, denying Afghan women rights to fully participate in the social, economic and political aspects of life. People born in 1992 have always lived in a world where they can see both extremes of gender equality. Oppression by forces like the Taliban are only more shocking for the children who have always known gender equality to be the norm, who have always had role models of both genders. Their views on fundamentalist action and the Taliban probably differs greatly from the perspectives of their parents, not because of a lack of experience but because of their birth year. They also see the American political sphere differently. If you were to ask the class of 2014 if the final Democratic candidates of the 2008 election surprised them, they would probably be the least shocked of all.

Children of illegal immigrants make up 7 percent of all people in the country born in 1992 or later, according to a study conducted by the Pew Hispanic Center. The study also found that 79 percent of these children were born here and are American citizens. Republican Sen. Lindsay Graham of South Carolina, said he might introduce an amendment that would revoke birthright citizenship for American-born children of illegal immigrants. Everyone will take a side on this potential amendment, but the class of 2014 statistically should know the largest number of people that would be affected by this new law. So should older generations be turning to them to ask their opinion on the matter?

Maybe Elon should turn to the newest voices on campus and truly listen. The freshman class is comprised of students that accomplished a lot in high school, but their biggest contribution will probably be their perspective. They are truly the most globalized and tolerant students to enter the university yet. It is certain that Elon will leave an impact on every student enrolled, but arguably it may be more important that the freshman class leave an imprint on the university.

Radio hosts' usage of 'N-word' sparks discussion about distasteful speech



Jasmine Gregory
Columnist

The first amendment granting U.S. citizens the right to free speech seems to have endless loopholes, especially in the media. Although it does grant freedom to the press, there

seems to be an endless question of what this "freedom" entails. Recently, radio host Laura Schlessinger said the N-word 11 times in a five-minute period, leaving many listeners outraged.

After a female caller of African-American descent tried to discuss her concerns about her white husband's friends' use of the word, Schlessinger took it upon herself to not only express her opinions on the topic, but to use the word while corresponding with the caller.

The caller was discussing how she felt when her husband's friends would make unnecessary comments about black people as a race and then go as far as to use the N-word in her presence. Unfortunately, Schlessinger let her feelings on the matter take control of the conversation. Prior to going to break, Schlessinger used the word three times saying that "black guys" and "black comedians" use it all the time.

"If anybody without enough melanin says it, it's a horrible thing," Schlessinger said. "But when black people say it, it's affectionate. It's very confusing."

Instead of catering to the callers' concerns and offering legitimate advice, she instead took things too far. It should be the responsibility of a talk show host to offer legitimate advice without offending the asking party. Schlessinger should have set her feelings about the N-word aside while also considering the caller's feelings about the use of the N-word. Although it is talk show host's job to talk, it is also their responsibility to listen with an innate ability to gauge feelings on controversial matters.

Immediately after the show, the outrage began about Schlessinger's commentary on the word. Although she offered an apology the following day, her fault was not immediately forgotten. Schlessinger recently announced her decision to end her radio show on Larry King Live, stating her desire to speak her mind freely.

Regardless of her want to exercise her right to free speech, there is a visible line pertaining to diversity that is crucial to respect. Schlessinger failed to respect that line. She not only crossed it, but did also so kicking and screaming. In short, it was inappropriate for the radio and blatantly offensive.

The N-word has always been a touchy subject between blacks and whites. Historically, it was used as a word of oppression toward slaves and then African-Americans nationwide. No other derogatory word has the type of painful historical ties that the N-word has, and because of that, it should be used delicately or not at all.

As few as two generations ago, African-Americans were held in bondage, heavily oppressed and facing unfair treatment in the United States. Although the election of a biracial president is one giant step in the right direction, it doesn't magically cure either the preexisting ills in the black community or tension between blacks and whites.

In the late 1970s, many blacks felt they could take the N-word and use it as a word of affection and a tool of empowerment in the black community. In a time when blacks were looking to restore their roots and define their heritage in a newly "equal" society, the N-word was something exclusive for blacks to have among themselves.

Regardless of how we push for an equal society, the N-word will never be acceptable for recreational use. The firestorm after Schlessinger's comments clearly shows we have a lot more progress to make before our society could ever be considered post-racial. It also shows it is necessary to either completely abolish the N-word regardless of race or come to a consensus as a people as to how matters surrounding the word should be treated, especially in the realm of the media.

Style

Graduate on a MISSION

Brittany Washington
Reporter

Originally, Kyle Johnson's plan was to pursue a career in his major. But after his father passed away in January, Johnson had a change of heart.

"That's when I started to look at God's plans for me, and once he had my attention, my plans didn't seem all that important anymore," he said. Johnson said he felt called to do a mission trip. After praying and looking into the mission opportunities available, he said the World Race just fell into his lap.

The World Race is a mission trip that will take him to Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Ireland, Hungary, Romania, Mozambique, Malawi (and another country in Africa) over the course of 11 months. Johnson has already been to Haiti and the Dominican Republic, where, Johnson and his team have done everything from manual labor to evangelism.

In Haiti, Johnson's team initially set out to do work deep in the mountains at a boys' orphanage. They did some discipleship with the children and a small construction project, but because a few members were suffering from dehydration and a Haitian equivalent to poison ivy, they left the mountains. The team was relocated to the city of Fontamara with a few other teams and volunteered at a tent community's school and church.

In the Dominican Republic, Johnson and his team are helping a husband and wife, who each are pastors of their own church. They have been working on the rural outskirts of San Juan, helping at the husband's church by completing manual labor, house-to-house visits for prayer, discipleship and evangelism. The team also hosted a vacation bible school program for the children. Some days, they had more than 80 children present and only two translators.

Every day, Johnson said he is growing in his faith. "I feel like Isaiah because his mother would give him a new coat every year that was too big for him, knowing that he could grow into it as the year went on," Johnson said. "The things I've done so far, discipleship, preaching, evangelizing, used to make me very uncomfortable, but I'm growing into them and learning as I go."

Johnson has not given much thought to what he will do after the trip, only that he will have to readjust. These things include drinkable tap water, a warm shower and being able to speak English to anyone he sees.

Johnson also said he would do another mission trip, but less traveling. He said he hopes to lead a lifestyle where every day gives him the opportunity to have a ministry of some sort.

Follow Johnson's journey as he blogs about his experiences at <http://kylejohnson.theworldrace.org>.



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Top six ways to avoid the 'Freshmen 15' and feel your best

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College life is busy. After just a few days the chaos will hit you like a semi-truck. With the homework, the projects and the studying, making time for outside activities (and even slowing down for five minutes to eat breakfast) takes some maneuvering. In addition to the stress of normal college life, many students also struggle with another prevalent problem — weight gain.

It seems these days being a freshman is synonymous with the dreaded freshman 15. But don't let this inaccurate myth put a blight on your first year as a college

student. According to freshman15.com, the majority of freshman college students will not gain 15 pounds (so feel free to release collective breaths of anxiety). A recent study conducted by freshman15.com revealed the average college freshman will gain five pounds.

Weight gain may seem inevitable, but it doesn't have to be. Freshman15.com highlights some sure ways to pack on the pounds, including little to no exercise, eating late at night, buying and keeping unhealthy snacks handy and making poor meal choices. A healthy diet and lifestyle is possible, even as a college student. The following six tips are designed to help you stay healthy and prevent the avoidable freshman 15.

1) Don't skip meals

In college, meals must be adjusted to fit tight schedules. When in class all day, eating breakfast and finding time for lunch is sometimes impossible. Waking up five minutes earlier seems difficult, and grabbing chicken fingers at McEwen for lunch is much easier than packing a sandwich. There's a reason people naturally eat three meals a day. According to youngwomenshealth.com, eating three balanced meals will provide you with energy throughout the day and helps maintain metabolism.

2) Eat a good breakfast

This tip goes hand-in-hand with number one. Eating three meals is important, but your day begins with breakfast, so make it count. According to health.uoregon.edu, skipping breakfast can affect performance in class. When pressed for time, grab a bagel, some granola or even a piece of fruit to ensure your stomach and grade will not suffer from improper nourishment.

3) Substitute good choices for poor ones

Dining hall and cafeteria food is tempting. When you pay for all you can eat, it's natural to eat all you can. Sometimes turning down savory chicken and golden french fries is difficult, but if possible, try to substitute the empty caloric and greasy foods for healthier options. For instance, Chick-fil-A in Octagon Café offers both fried and grilled chicken sandwiches. You'll save 130 calories by ordering grilled chicken and get about a serving of vegetables. Youngwomenshealth.org recommends eating whole grains instead of white rice and bread, and substituting fresh fruit for cookies and ice cream.

4) Drink water

When making better choices, do not forget the power of water. This necessary supplement is often replaced with coffee and sugary sodas, but staying hydrated is imperative to good health. Youngwomenshealth.org writes that water not only curbs thirst, but also revitalizes skin and organs. Drink often, even when you are not thirsty, to avoid dehydration.

5) Pack a lunch

Packing a lunch will ensure you eat at the appropriate time, and it puts you more in control of what you eat. When running from class to class, it may seem easier to grab a candy bar from the vending machine and eat a real meal later. By packing a lunch, you won't skip a meal, and you'll be able to prevent headaches and overeating at a later meal.

6) Embrace variety

From childhood, the food pyramid has been prominent in doctors' offices and even grade school. Adhering to the pyramid diet can be nearly impossible in college, but it is possible to introduce balance and variety to your palette. Try to eat lean meats (grilled or baked chicken), carbohydrates high in fiber (potatoes and whole grains) and healthy fats found in nuts and oils.

Her heart is in her CLAWS

Her heart is



Kindra Mammone releases an owl after it has been rehabilitated by CLAWS. LINDSAY FENDT | Photo Editor

Orange County resident opens home to wildlife rehab, rescue



CLAWS animals are also sometimes used as educational aids in libraries and schools. LINDSAY FENDT | Photo Editor

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College students frequently complain about the cramped quarters that accompany dorm life and roommates, but even a Chandler suite is spacious compared to Kindra Mammone's living situation. She lives with over 200 animals — none of which are her own pets.

As the founder and executive director of Creative Learning about Wildlife Species, more commonly known as CLAWS, Mammone shares her home with more than 200 animals. There are a lot of cages in the backyard, but most of the animals are kept inside. Mammone rescues and rehabilitates wild animals in addition to conducting educational programs at schools and libraries.

"We want to help the animals that we share our planet with, and to teach people about the animals that live in their backyard because the animals are extremely misunderstood," Mammone said. "Our goal is peaceful coexistence with all species."

Although the state prohibits those without a license from contact with the animals, Mammone said she believes interacting with the animals in front of

people eases the public's fears.

"We still tell people to stay away from them in the wild, but hating them for being simply what they are isn't right," she said.

She recalled the popularity of CLAWS' first educational raccoon.

"He (the raccoon) loved doing educational programs," she said. "He loved to steal things out of my pockets in front of children. He was a ham in front of people."

People often requested the raccoon participate in the educational programs.

"He was a great spokesperson for his species because his species is misunderstood for fear of rabies," Mammone said.

The public's adoration for the animal indicates the success of Mammone's educational programs and endeavor to combat misconceptions.

The program was incorporated and officially organized in 2004, but Mammone had been rescuing animals prior to the birth of CLAWS. The organization began with the rehabilitation of a raccoon, which inspired the CLAWS name and logo.

"We were rehabilitating small mammals and had a raccoon, a fennec fox and a kinkajou as educational

animals," Mammone said.

The other two educational animals were a chinchilla and a mink.

During the course of six years, Mammone has welcomed 22 various species of raptors and 22 species of mammals.

CLAWS obtained a permit to both rehabilitate other small mammals, and to rehabilitate any animal legal in North Carolina. Mammone also has a permit to breed brush tailed bettong, a species currently at risk in the wild.

Mammone admitted that she did not intend to work with birds, but saw a need in the area. She said need fuels the organization.

"When the need arises, we have a really hard time saying no to animals," she said.

Even though CLAWS is located in Orange County, the program's influence extends beyond the county.

"We don't find the animals," she said. "They find us."

Mammone receives calls from a wide range of places. CLAWS has numerous rescues from outside the state. Mammone is currently talking to a woman in Greece to help her rehabilitate a deer.

"We are pretty well-known as being pretty tenacious when it comes to

saving wild animals," Mammone said.

Although rehabilitation processes vary according to the species, all animals brought into CLAWS return to their previous environments.

"If a raptor arrived at CLAWS with babies, then the CLAWS staff releases the bird anywhere, but if an adult raptor is brought in, then we release him a mile from where he was found," Mammone said.

Mammone explained that CLAWS does not permit people to have contact with the animals because they do not remain in the care and presence of humans. She still invites the public to witness the release of any animal.

A select group of more experienced volunteers typically work with the raptors. Other volunteers contribute to outreach programs, or help with fundraising.

"That's a great way to get involved and definitely be helping out," Mammone said.

All four rehab participants are volunteers, but most of the funding helps maintain the rehabilitation center, and it comes straight out of her pocket.

"The area we need help in the most is fundraising," Mammone said.

If you are interested in volunteering, e-mail Kindra Mammone at volunteers@nc-claws.org.

Sexting redefined by APPCNC to prevent teen pregnancy

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Features Editor

Facebook, hormones and text messaging: these three things can overtake some teenagers' lives.

Perhaps that's why the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Campaign of North Carolina put two and two together and created a sexual health hotline called BrdsNBz, the national winner of the 2010 Healthy Teen Network Outstanding Emerging Innovation Award.

Launched in 2009, BrdsNBz is a text messaging hotline that provides free, confidential and medically accurate answers to teens' sexual health questions, following the pathway of the overarching mission of APPCNC.

"Our mission is to support North Carolina communities in preventing adolescent pregnancy through advocacy, collaboration and education," said Elizabeth Finley, the developmental and communications manager for APPCNC.

BrdsNBz was started after directors of the APPCNC realized that North Carolina schools lacked in sexual health classes with realistic attitudes.

"We found there was a real hole in the amount of information that teenagers have access to at school," said Finley. "We wanted to create a way for teenagers to get medically accurate answers to their sexual health questions."

To best reach a teenage audience,

the APPCNC decided that text messaging was the best way to create an innovative and functional service like BrdsNBz. So innovative, in fact, that it has been dubbed "first-of-its-kind."

APPCNC has received large amounts of national recognition for their BrdsNBz service.

"We've been in the New York Times in the Sunday style section and on Fox News," Finley said. "We've heard from people all over the world who want to replicate the service, because it is innovative and can be replicated in other areas."

BrdsNBz users must be residents of North Carolina and be between the ages of 14 and 19. To use the service, a teen texts NC to 36263 followed by their question. A trained APPCNC staff person responds with a personalized answer within 24 hours of receiving the text. Standard text messaging fees apply, dependent on the carrier.

Those at APPCNC will accept the 2010 Healthy Teen Network Outstanding Emerging Innovation Award at the annual Health Teen Network annual meeting in October in Austin, Texas.

"We were thrilled to win their national award, especially for our technology piece. It was surprising and exciting," said APPCNC Executive Director Kay Phillips. "We knew we had a good product, but to have them recognize us is a true honor."

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Sustainability initiatives make Elon's campus 'green'

Caitlin O'Donnell
News Editor

Red and gold may be Elon University's official colors, but Elaine Durr is working to add another color to campus— green.

Durr, Elon's sustainability coordinator since May 2008, has led the university in strides to become environmentally friendly.



Elaine Durr
Sustainability
coordinator

As coordinator, Durr said she develops and administers sustainability projects and advises policies.

This includes coordinating the implementation of the Climate Action Plan, managing the greenhouse gas inventory project and planning activities and events to raise awareness for sustainability.

The Climate Action Plan, completed in spring 2010, outlined goals and strategies that will reduce emissions from 2008 by 2037, according to the sustainability website.

Durr said the plan was an important part of Elon's sustainability program.

"This year, greenhouse gas emission inventories are essential to tracking progress toward emission reduction goals," she said.

According to Durr, emissions decreased by just over 3 percent from 2008-2009.

Campus programs such as POWERless and RecycleMania help encourage participation in energy conservation as well as recycling, Durr said.

"Students are also provided with tools, such as the reusable Elon aluminum water bottles to help them be more environmentally friendly," she said. "Reusable shopping bags and compact fluorescent lamps are handed out at various events throughout the year, as well."

These efforts have not gone without recognition.

Elon recently received high marks from the Sierra Club, a grassroots environmental organization, in the areas of efficiency and administration.

"Efficiency" measured LEED certification project, water source for campus landscaping,



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lighting fixtures and Energy Star appliances," Durr said. "Administration' examined schools' commitment to sustainability through strategic plans, sustainability coordinators, plans for reducing impact on climate change and greenhouse gas emission audits and reductions."

Elon has also been recognized in the inaugural "The Princeton Review's Guide to 286 Green Colleges" in April 2010 and in the National Wildlife Federation's 2008 Report Card on sustainability in Higher Education for having a degree program in Environmental Studies.

Students returning to campus this week were also greeted with more changes to Elon's campus, which will promote sustainability.

Hydration stations were added to two water fountains, one in the Koury Athletic Center and one in the Moseley Center as a pilot project.

"They make it much easier to fill a reusable water bottle, which we hope will encourage more students, faculty and staff to use them," Durr said.

McEwen dining hall will also pilot a new take-out option with reusable containers which aims to reduce the use of Styrofoam.

In addition, two Biobuses will have bike racks on the front, 14 additional low-emitting vehicle parking spaces were designated on campus and a

new environmental studies minor was added in the Environmental Studies department.

All buildings currently under construction on campus are pursuing Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification.

"Construction began on a geothermal system that will be the primary source of heating and cooling in the new Colonnades residence halls and the two existing residence halls," Durr said.

Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Elon was awarded federal grant money to install solar thermal systems to heat water in Colonnades dining hall and some residence halls.

Durr said there are additional small steps that Elon students can do to make an impact.

According to the sustainability website, students can help by turning off lights when they leave a room, buying local goods and carpooling when possible.

"Institutions of higher education have a responsibility to educate the next generation of leaders about global environmental change, how human behavior impacts the earth, and how they can be good stewards of the planet," Durr said. "It is essential for colleges and universities to serve as an example of sustainable operations and reduce their impact on the environment."

How-To: Get back in the swing of things

Lauren Ramsdell
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Getting back into a school routine is a struggle to be surmounted every year. No matter how many times summer has ended and academia begun, students always have a learning curve to get used to waking up in the morning and doing homework at night. Here are a few tips for making the annual transition smoother.

Completely unpack your belongings:

It seems pretty self-evident, but getting organized in the first day or two in a new living space will impact the way the rest of the year works. Think about organization as if it were tanning – it helps to have a "base tan" before building on darker color. Similarly, it helps to have a "base" level of organization before trying to stay organized for a full nine months of school.

Unpacking everything and putting it in its place – pencils in a pencil cup, clothes folded neatly in drawers— before rushing out to see friends will set the stage for an organized year. If stuff is thrown all over the room on day one, imagine how hard it's going to be to convince yourself to pick it up on day four — Or day 44?

Force yourself into a routine:

Staying up late to finish a 10-page paper isn't heroic, it's silly. Procrastination takes time away from hanging out, sleeping and generally having fun. Put yourself on a timetable early on so that later when exams roll around, you're not floundering in Belk Library all night trying to write a paper, surviving on espresso and studying all at the same time.

Build homework time into your schedule and make it a habit. Everyone is different, so it may take anywhere from two to six weeks to make your routine habitual, but it will pay off for the rest of the semester.

Don't be discouraged:

Similar to New Year's resolutions, the beginning of the school year is a time to make plans and promises – and then end up breaking them. There will be times where going to the gym every day sputters out, or your homework doesn't get done on your schedule. Completely giving up on goals will just make it harder next year to get in a routine. So, make yourself prepare for riding the first-semester wave.

Re-establish "bed time" for the first week:

Sleeping seven to 10 hours may seem excessive during college, especially when there's always a friend or homework luring you away from precious hours of shut-eye. Staying up until 2 a.m. feels normal, but it is actually wreaking havoc on all sorts of important things – lack of sleep can affect everything from grades to happiness.

Put yourself on a schedule now before the lure of friends and late-night studying becomes too great. For at least one week, go to sleep at the same time every night, and wake up at the same time every day – even on weekends. It will help get you up on time for that 8 a.m. class throughout the year, not just the first couple of days.

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Elon professor exhibits costume fashions in Isabella Cannon Room



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Half-scale models of professor Jack Smith's costume designs are on display in the Isabella Cannon room until Sept. 22.

Merissa Blitz
Reporter

Elon University professor Jack Smith has had a lifelong love affair with costumes and design. From age five, he recalls yearning to use his mother's sewing machine — a yearning that has turned into a passion and profession today. He will exhibit his career designs in a display running from Aug. 30 to Sept. 22.

"The real reason I wanted to sew was so I could make more interesting clothing for my sister's Barbie dolls," Smith said. "I thought what they came with was so much less interesting than the dresses I saw in old black-and-white films."

While studying at Eastern Illinois University, he was able to incorporate his love for the theater arts, as well as his love of creating the characters that appear on stage, into his studies. Smith's skills in sewing caused him to change his major to include an emphasis in design.

Smith loves designing and making costumes — which take 15 hours, on average, from start to finish — for a living.

"I think that costume design allows me to blend my love of history, fashion and art with theater," he said. "I get to help actors transform into different people."

His favorite style of clothing is 19th century dress for women as well as both men's and women's fashions of the 18th century. Smith favors "lush colors, fantastic fabrics and trims, elegant lines to the costumes."

One of Smith's favorite costumes he has ever made was an evening gown for the character of Desire in the Orlando Shakespeare Theatre's production of the musical "A Little Night Music." He used coral silk underneath beaded lace to make a dress that "looked like Venetian glass."

After five years of working in Orlando at places like Shakespeare Theater, Mad Cow, Disney World

and Orlando Repertory Theater, he came to teach at Elon.

"I can say with all sincerity that I have never been anywhere I liked better," Smith said.

Previously, Smith also taught at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

"I left there to pursue a professional career with the aim of coming back to teach again when I felt like I had something more to offer my students than just theoretical theatrical work," Smith said.

Smith's exhibit, "Elaborately Designed, Carefully Crafted" features half-scale designs set up for the Elon community to see. This exhibit is the first time all of his creations will be displayed together. The fashions will range from 16th century fashions to those of the early 20th centuries.

An opening reception for the exhibit is planned for Sept. 9 at 6 p.m. in the Isabella Cannon room in Center for the Arts.

Big Picture

by Steve Ferguson, Class of 2011

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MOVIE REVIEW



'Scott Pilgrim' conquers the world

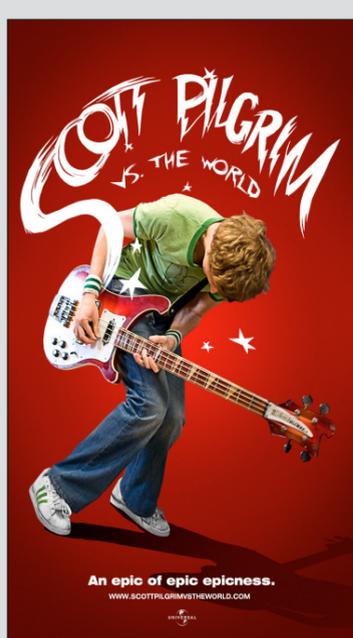


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Kit Ar buckle
Reviewer

Scott Pilgrim made his debut in August 2004 with the publication of Bryan Lee O'Malley's graphic novel. Now, six years later, video gamers everywhere can play as Scott Pilgrim, Ramona Flowers, Kim Pine or Stephen Stills in the "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World" video game for PlayStation and Xbox. At the same time, Edgar Wright has combined both forms of media into one dizzying, hilarious, painfully relatable film of the same name.

Relatable is a relative term, though. "Scott Pilgrim," released in theaters two weeks ago, hits home with the 13 to 25-year-old age group. With the movie's nonstop comic book flare, nerdy gaming references and modern rock music, there are few in the current generation of tech-savvy high school and college kids who won't be able to find a tiny piece of themselves embedded in one of the characters. That being said, older viewers who are out of touch with the latest iPhone or up-and-coming band may find the film juvenile or disjointed.

Honestly, the film is ridiculous — but that's the foundation for all of its charm. Nobody thinks twice about a girl unsheathing a massive war-hammer from her handbag to do battle with an old flame.

Telekinetic vegans are accepted, and even fawned over, in polite society. A building is demolished during the final round of a battle of the bands, and no one bats an eyelash. And intertwined with all of this fast-paced action are the equally messy love lives of Scott Pilgrim and his mysterious love interest, Ramona Flowers.

Flowers' problems are external: she has seven evil exes with supernatural powers who any suitors must defeat before dating her. Pilgrim's problems are internal: the three relationships (and subsequent break-ups) he weathered before Flowers have taken collateral damage on both his self-esteem and social skills. Both of their problems come back to haunt their budding romance throughout the movie, and the solution inevitably lies with Pilgrim. Simply put, he's forced to own up to his mistakes and fight hard for what he wants.

All of which makes for one heck of a movie. Yes, Michael Cera plays his usual role of the 20-something perpetually stuck in the paralyzing insecurities of prepubescence. But why mess with a good recipe? Sure, some scenes make you wonder if Pilgrim downed a few happy pills before the film started rolling, but that's partly what makes the movie so good.

Well, that and the cast. O'Malley gave life to some truly unforgettable characters, starting with Pilgrim's gay roommate Wallace Wells and ending with the ideal obsessed-but-jilted fangirl Knives Chau. Not to mention each of Flowers' evil exes, who are more believable as supervillains than some portrayals of well-known baddies like Batman's Dr. Freeze and Poison Ivy.

To my fellow youths — be prepared to let your inner nerd loose and jam with abandon to the musical stylings of Pilgrim's band, Sex Bob-omb. To the parents of my fellow youth—try playing a few rounds of MarioKart or Final Fantasy beforehand to get the feel for Pilgrim's world. If you're not afraid to sit back, relax and go with the flow, you might just enjoy the movie.



Sophomore Neima Abdulahi is attempting to start an Elon-based record label. She and her staff will audition artists to sign this semester.

Future Elon record label gives unsigned bands their turn in the 'Limelight'

Lauren Townsend
Reporter

In the near future, the musically gifted may be able to audition for an Elon University-based record label run by students. Limelight Records is the brainchild of sophomore Neima Abdulahi, who began her project last March.

"I found out that music here in Elon is very sectionalized and wanted to use the label to put together my skills in promotion and merchandising," Abdulahi said.

Abdulahi began by learning about other record labels run by area universities.

"I started doing some research and found out that Chapel Hill had a record label called Vinyl Records," she said.

As she continued to research she found that Duke University and Appalachian

State University also have record labels.

"Looking deeper, I found out that Elon used to have a label called Improvibes," she said. "All the resources were basically there."

She proposed the idea to her music business class and had several students come on board. Senior Jessie Schroeder, junior Mike Margiotta and sophomore Ashley Braun will be serving as vice president, treasurer and secretary, respectively.

"The three kids I have right now are my dream team," Abdulahi said.

When Abdulahi proposed her idea, Margiotta "jumped on the opportunity and signed up," he said. "I let her know that I wanted to be in a leadership position at the label, and after a few meetings and school approval, here we are."

Margiotta hopes to pursue a career in the music industry.

"I worked in a recording studio during summers in high school and had an internship with the Cleveland office of Live Nation Entertainment, so this is the next step in gaining experience in all aspects of the industry," he said.

The next step for Limelight Records is getting approval from Elon administration.

"There have been a lot of speed bumps that would have intimidated someone

else," Abdulahi said. "The process has been beautiful so far. I expect speed bumps."

Abdulahi is looking to sign as many different varieties as possible to introduce people to diverse types of music. The label plans to take three bands each year, starting with a Battle of the Bands style competition to choose artists. She would like to stream the concert online so students can vote electronically and have a say in the bands that the label will work with.

"I just want to reach out (to bands) and let students hear their music," she said.

Abdulahi hopes to go into some form of broadcast media after her time at Elon. "The job I want to have does not exist yet," she said.

Her ideal career would be "a blend between what Barbara Walters did for news and what Russell Simmons did for hip-hop. In a nutshell, hip-hop media mogul."

The idea of this label has allowed Abdulahi to meet new people. "I've been getting e-mails from people that I don't know wanting to help out with the label," she said.

The proposal of Limelight Records has created a lot of buzz around campus and in students interested in the music industry.

"I'm really glad I found something to leave my mark here and to meet new people I wouldn't have met otherwise," Abdulahi said.



Sophomore Jeffrey Williamson auditioned for 'American Idol' over the summer in Nashville, Tenn. He didn't make the show, but he said he considers his experience an overall good one.

Elon student auditions for 'American Idol'

Edith Veremu
Reporter

While "American Idol" struggles to find judges for its 10th season, auditions around the country were under way during the summer. Performers auditioned in six cities, including Nashville, Tenn., Milwaukee and San Francisco. Elon University sophomore Jeffrey Williamson decided to audition in Nashville after realizing he might have a chance.

He had been thinking about auditioning since he began watching the show in its infancy, he said.

"I figured, 'Hey, I can sing. Why not finally audition?'" Williamson said. "I always wanted to audition. I would check the 'American Idol' website daily."

A native of North Carolina, Williamson began singing at a young age. He began singing solos in his church choir when he was 4 years old. The music technology major also sang at family reunions, weddings, funerals, and other occasions that allowed him to showcase his talent. The first song Williamson sang publicly was "Searching" by gospel group The Canton Spirituals, he said.

On the morning of July 17, after a six and a half hour drive and 14 hours of waiting in line at Nashville's Bridgestone Arena, Williamson got his chance to shine.

More than 16,000 candidates showed up at the Nashville auditions, according to the American Idol website. About 200 performers were allowed to perform, Williamson said. "Talk about a slim chance," he added.

He said that the process of getting to the judges went smoothly. "I was expecting one of those long lines during registration," he said. "However ... it only took five minutes to get my registration ticket and wristband."

The auditioning process is different from the one shown on television, Williamson said. Performers must make it past the first three rounds before auditioning for the judges and the camera, according to the 'Idol' website.

"I was nervous at first," he said. "But when I got on the audition floor, I was like 'I can do this.'"

Williamson said his audition went better than he expected. He first belted out "Ain't Too Proud to Beg" by the Temptations and was given a chance to sing two more songs.

"I thought I would be cut off after 15 seconds into the first song, but the judge allowed me to sing almost two verses and the chorus," he said. "I assumed he liked it and asked me to sing another song, which surprised me. Then I was asked to sing one more song and I chose 'Bubbly' by Colbie Caillat."

Despite not passing the first round of judging, Williamson said he doesn't regret auditioning.

"I was a bit disappointed, but I made new friends," he said. "I walked away knowing that on that day, I threw my heart and soul on that arena ground. I was super proud of myself and my friends and family were also proud of me. I have tons of memories — pictures, cards and new friends. I wouldn't trade that experience for the world."



Senior co-captain Jordan McNeill practices a move with the Fire of the Carolinas colorguard during band camp.

Spinning flags for fun: The Fire of the Carolinas colorguard marches on

Lauren Ramsdell
Arts and Entertainment Editor

During a football game, halftime is typically considered the time to stretch legs and buy a hot dog. Far from it — halftime exists to give the players a break and to entertain the audience, not drive them away. The primary visual component of the halftime show is the colorguard.

Part of the Fire of the Carolinas marching band, the colorguard this year has eight girls on flag and one majorette. Though the group has fewer members from previous years, they still make a big visual impact in Rhodes Stadium.

Those familiar with high school marching bands may wonder at the differences between high school and colorguard — and there is a difference. In high school, competitive colorguards may have coaches that only teach colorguard and are selective with who makes the cut. Not so in most colleges.

"It's so much more about the crowd," said senior co-captain Jordan McNeill. In high school, the objective of the colorguard at halftime is to practice for competitions, in college colorguard only performs at halftime. "It's more about looking good," McNeill said.

McNeill and fellow senior and co-captain Christine Tompkins must choreograph dance and flag routines to the marching band's music. This year's first theme is "Fire" in honor of the tenth anniversary of the Fire of the Carolinas. The music includes arrangements of "We Didn't Start the Fire" by Billy Joel, "Fire" by Jimi Hendrix and "Through the Fire and

Flames" by DragonForce.

"We just listen to (the music) again and again and again and see which moves fit," said Tompkins. They also have help from a former majorette who attends practices on evenings and weekends.

Of the eight girls doing flag work, only one is new to colorguard and there are no freshmen. McNeill and Tompkins don't look at this as a bad thing, though they would like to see more people join the team.

"We know their starting skill level," McNeill said, "So we know where to start."

Both captains did not start out in colorguard originally. In high school, McNeill was a trumpet player and Tompkins marched piccolo. But, they decided to change things up in college by doing colorguard.

"It's nice to go from knowing the music to being a part of the visual ensemble," McNeill said.

Tompkins has not put down the music for good. As a music education major, she still spends a lot of her time in the Center for the Arts. Both are members of Tau Beta Sigma, the music sorority.

"(Marching band) is a good social and bonding time," said McNeill. "You'll meet the best friends you'll ever have in band."

Tompkins and McNeill also said that being in colorguard has nurtured them into being leaders. Neither expected to be named captain, because they didn't have over four years of experience spinning flags.

At the first home football game on Sept. 11, don't leave the stands during halftime. The colorguard will be on the field performing exclusively for the audience — so don't walk away.

Freshman Fellowship

Annual outdoor concert combines barbecue bounce house and bonding for new arrivals

PHOTOS BY LINDSAY FENDT AND ANNA JOHNSON

Anna Johnson
Managing Editor

There are precious few free moments for freshmen during move-in weekend. Even in the downtime of Sunday night's Community on the Commons, there were a variety of entertainment shows, athletic activities and arts and crafts.

The Student Union Board and Orientation Leaders worked together to host the event and recruit acts to perform. This year, comedian Dan Cummins and musical act Natalie Stovall took the stage.

Spray can artists, volleyball, a rock climbing wall, large inflatables, human foosball, karaoke, dinner and the leading acts were all available for students free of charge.

Cummins expressed his concern that Elon was too sensitive for his jokes, but the crowd eventually warmed up to his offbeat humor. He called out members of the crowd and demanded their answer to his twisted circumstances.

Stovall is known for appearing at colleges across the country and, being in her early 20s, she clicked with her audience. She is known for her fiddle playing, and after the show she joined the orientation leaders in a rendition of "That Don't Impress Me Much" by Shania Twain.

"It's been fantastic," freshman Carrie Shropshire said. "There's something for everybody, and it's so much fun. Elon set it up well."

Monday night, hypnotist Tom Deluca performed in Rhodes Stadium.



Bottom Left: Freshman Brennan McDavid repels down the rock wall after taking a fall.
Top Left: Freshman Ross McFarland throws a cornhole beanbag at the concert.
Top Right: Aramark employee Candace Lawson flips burgers for the food table at the concert.
Top Center: Freshman J.P. Saidnaway bounds through a tunnel in an inflatable obstacle course at the freshman welcome concert Sunday.
Bottom Right: Musician Natalie Stovall sings and plays her fiddle while performing for the freshman class.



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COACHING HIS OWN TEAM



ABOVE: (From left to right) Seniors running back Brandon Newsome, offensive linemen Corey O'Shea and Mark Hoffer, defensive linemen Brandon Ward and David Hunt, offensive lineman John Rubertone and linebacker Travis Greene and head coach Pete Lembo are the only remaining people from Lembo's first round of recruiting. RIGHT: (From left to right) Newsome, Greene, O'Shea, Hoffer, Hunt, Ward and Rubertone huddle around Lembo.

Sam Calvert
Sports Editor

FROM 2002 TO 2005, THE ELON UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL TEAM SECURED 12 WINS IN FOUR SEASONS. IN THE FOLLOWING FOUR SEASONS,

under new head coach Pete Lembo, the team more than doubled its win number to 29.

In Lembo's first season, in 2006, the Phoenix ended the year with five wins. With each consecutive year, the team has increased its victories, and by the end of last season, Elon finished with nine wins — the most wins in 10 years.

"(This program) has come a long way," senior offensive lineman John Rubertone said. "Winning wasn't a ritual. He came in and brought a winning attitude."

Lembo joined the Elon coaching staff when he was hired as the head coach in December 2005. He immediately jumped into recruiting, and he said he spoke with two different groups: those he had a month to recruit and those he had an entire year to recruit.

"It was sort of a leap of faith for them," Lembo said. "All they saw was a program that struggled a great deal. The senior class really believed in us as a staff and in the institution's commitment to this program."

Seven players from the one-month group redshirted during their freshman year, and these seniors represent the last remaining piece of

Lembo's first months at Elon.

Offensive linemen Mark Hoffer, Corey O'Shea and Rubertone, linebacker Travis Greene, defensive linemen David Hunt and Brandon Ward and running back Brandon Newsome were among those who chose to jump into a whole new system and have had the opportunity to watch it grow into the program it is today.

With these seniors, the team has reached a point where, for the first time, every athlete playing under Lembo's staff was recruited by Lembo's staff.

"When he first came in, he wanted everyone to follow the system, to do things the Elon way," Newsome said.

At the time, a majority of the players were not one of his recruits, and to them, Lembo's system was foreign. With each different coach comes a different way of doing things day-to-day, and Lembo's arrival was no exception.

Despite the change, Lembo said he still thought he coached and treated everyone the same.

"I embraced the guys we had here, but I also held them accountable," Lembo said. "There were a few that

couldn't live up to the standards, but they weeded themselves out."

After the initial paring down, Lembo and Newsome said things went smoothly, but there is an advantage to having continuity in the system under which the players were recruited.

"There haven't been problems, but there's definitely a benefit to having everyone know what you are doing everyday and how things work," Newsome said. "It goes smoother."

An understanding of expectations, Lembo said, is another reason things run better now that he is solely coaching his own recruits.

"It's nice to have a certain amount of cohesiveness and chemistry, knowing they're each together with the same expectations," Lembo said. "It helps

the day-to-day flow."

As those seven players redshirted in 2006 enter their final season with the Phoenix, Lembo will have the chance to see the last of that first recruiting class reach the concluding stages of its Elon career.

And now that he has had a chance to coach his first group of recruits from freshmen to seniors, Lembo can finally reap the benefits of watching his players develop.

"It's incredibly rewarding to be able to see a player grow and develop, not only as a person, but also as a player," he said. "I have seen so many success stories of players who have bought into the program and represented this institution well and all that it stands for."



Sam Calvert
Sports Editor

MEET THE COACH: PETE LEMBO

coaches and players alike.

He's Pete Lembo, and he's the head coach of the Elon football team. And while those in the stands may see his coaching style from afar, only his players hear the words coming from his mouth.

"Water up and get up," senior quarterback Scott Riddle said. "That's a new one this year."

Lembo repeated the saying quite often throughout the preseason whenever players would take a water break, Riddle said. Players would kneel down at the water coolers and hear that phrase spurt from Lembo's lips — a reminder that practice was yet to be through.

But every coach has a catchphrase.

What makes Lembo unique is his approach to the art of coaching, senior running back Brandon Newsome said.

"He's a business man connoisseur," Newsome said. "He's organized down to a tee. He's like a CEO."

Newsome said Lembo has everything scheduled and planned, with times set for everything.

"He's a nerd when it comes to football," Riddle said.

During the preseason, different players would dress up or do impersonations of Lembo, emphasizing his passion for the game, Riddle said. But the coach demonstrates his sense of humor,

too, always able to laugh at himself.

Part of that passion comes in his knowledge of the game, Riddle said.

"He's a really smart guy," Riddle said. "He can teach any position on the field."

Because of that, he is able to work with every player, Riddle said, and his coaching style can be as intense as his love and knowledge of football. Through it, he shows how much he's devoted not only to the game, but also to the players themselves.

"He can get in your face when you're slacking off, but he understands the time and places to do so," Riddle said. "He takes care of his players."

SITTING DOWN WITH SCOTT RIDDLE

Sam Calvert
Sports Editor



LINDSAY FENDT | Photo Editor

Q: What thoughts are running through your head knowing this is your last season with the Phoenix?

A: I'm really excited. I've had a decent career and made some great friends. I've really enjoyed the journey. I've been a part of Elon for a while, so I've seen where it was years before and that every year it has gotten better. I'm hoping to come out and have a 10-win season and make some noise in the playoffs, with a lot of bullets flying.

Q: How have you changed since the first time you took a snap for Elon?

A: When I first got here, I sort of winged everything — I just tried to throw it to whoever was open and get down the field. But each year I've progressed in my knowledge. It's kind of become easier for me.

Q: What goes through your mind when you take the field for a game?

A: I don't know, it's kind of a blank feeling. I'm ready to go. I like when the defense goes out there first. I go out there relaxed. I'm not one of those guys who gets over-pumped.

Q: What was it like to be the team's leader as quarterback and primary punter last season?

A: I don't mind it. I've handled the ball so many times in my career that they thought I would do well in that position. John Reece is doing a good job

this year, though. But I liked it. If I had a bad series, it gave me a way to go and take all my frustration out. I could just go out there and kick it as hard as I could.

Q: Will you miss being able to look down the field and see Terrell Hudgins as a target this season?

A: He told me not to act like everything was fine without him. But really, I'm going to miss him. He was an easy guy to throw it up to. But I love my man No. 4 Lance Camp. We've been together four years now. And we have a lot of other guys at wide receiver I trust, too. We've got all kinds of weapons. This year they're not going to be able to single out one guy.

Q: How does it feel to be on the Walter Payton watch list to start out the season?

A: It's nice getting recognition for my accomplishments, but anyone who is successful is there because of the team around him. I'm not worrying about it too much. But I'd be lying if I said I didn't want to win it.

Q: What do you hope to accomplish in your last season?

A: I did win a ring in baseball, which was a really special thing that I want all of my teammates to be able to experience as well. Like other players on the team, I expect that. To win the National Championship, a lot of things have to go right. Our main focus is on winning the conference.

IT'S A NEW YEAR:



Football looks to the future, not dwelling on past

Sam Calvert
Sports Editor

On a chilly day at the end of November, the Elon University football team made school history when it took the field against the University of Richmond in the first round of the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs. The 2009 team was the first ever to make the FCS postseason, with an at-large bid after finishing 9-2 overall and second-place 7-1 in the Southern Conference.

But while this great accomplishment was not to go unnoticed, several players on the 2010 squad said they will not let this one accomplishment define who the Phoenix is for the new season.

"We're happy about it, but we're not dwelling in the past," junior linebacker Joshua Jones said.

Sophomore defensive back Dale Riley agreed, noting the importance of looking to the upcoming competitors.

But the success will not be completely forgotten, head coach Pete Lembo said.

"For three years, we've talked to our players about how special getting to that plateau would be," he said. "Now they know exactly what we're talking about. Experience is a great motivator."

Knowing what it took to get to the FCS postseason will help the team in preparing for this season, Lembo said.

Winning isn't the only feeling the Phoenix will take away from last season

as motivation though, senior quarterback Scott Riddle said.

"Everyone on this team — except the freshmen — knows what it feels like to lose a game in the playoffs," he said. "We don't want to feel like that again."

Going into the 2010 season, the team has been ranked in the top-10 in six different polls — as low as No. 9 in the AnyGivenSaturday.com FCS College Football Rankings and as high as No. 6 in Phil Steele, Athlon and Lindy's top-25.

But Lembo said these rankings are based on past performances and don't reflect what the team will do in the coming season.

"If you're asking me, (the ranking) means nothing," Lembo said. "I hope it means nothing to the team, as well."

Lembo said he's more concerned about preparing the team for the upcoming season, focusing on its goals and not on what other people are saying.

"First and foremost, we have a long-term goal, which stays consistent every year," he said.

This is to win the SoCon and advance to the FCS playoffs.

Riley said the team believes it can do just that.

"We want to win everything," Riley said. "And we should be able to."

One thing the team has worked on this offseason is filling the holes left by those who played their last game in 2009.

"We lost a lot of guys last year, so everyone's been learning their role and perfecting the technique," senior running back Brandon Newsome said.

Because the team lost so many starters, Lembo said there were two matchups where the new configuration could either make or break the team.

"First, our offensive line. We lost three starters — two four-year starters and one three-year starter. The ability to replace those guys is important," he said. "The second area is our secondary. We had four seniors, but we've got some young, talented defensive backs."

But Lembo said he thought the players were taking on their new roles well, both in these areas and in others across the entirety of the team.

"I think we got some good kids in the program, and a number of them have had the opportunity to step in and make their own mark," he said. "It's always exciting to see how guys respond."

One hole has caused more discussion than the rest: wide receiver Terrell Hudgins.

Hudgins broke nearly every record in the books on his way to a contract with the Dallas Cowboys in the NFL.

But Riddle said the team has plenty of other talented wide receivers to fill the gap, and it will be harder on opponents' defenses because they will not be able to single out one target.

Newsome also said Elon has the talent

at running back to balance the loss at wide receiver.

"Everyone keeps talking about Terrell Hudgins," Newsome said. "I think it's a blessing in disguise. We have a lot of depth at running back, and we keep getting better every day."

This progression will be tested in its first game of the year, Sept. 4, when the Phoenix travels to Durham.

"Our short-term goal is to beat Duke (University) in our season opener," Lembo said.

He pointed out that while the game plan for the Duke game will be different from others, the team will prepare in the same way.

"We approach every game the same way in terms of structure and intensity," Lembo said. "It's a lot about us, not about them. We believe in what we do and how we do it, whether it's an ACC, a SoCon or any other game."

The odds are against the Phoenix in taking on the ACC opponent, Riddle said, but the team has seen what happened when an FCS school went to Durham and took on the Blue Devils in their season opener.

The University of Richmond defeated Duke 24-16 to start last season, and Elon looks to do the same this year, beginning with its preparation.

"We're going to work as hard as we can," Riddle said. "We're going to practice like each team is the Carolina Panthers."

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DUKE



SEPT. 4
7 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. DUKE
Duke leads 6-0-1

RECORD LAST SEASON
5-7 overall, 3-5 in ACC

FAST FACT
Duke fell to fellow FCS team Richmond Spiders in its home opener last season.

SHAW



SEPT. 11
7 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. SHAW
The two teams have never previously met.

RECORD LAST SEASON
8-2 overall, 5-2 in CIAA

FAST FACT
Shaw has been ranked No. 8 in the Sheridan Broadcasting Network Preseason Black College Football Poll, which included Division I and II schools.

RICHMOND



SEPT. 18
1 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. RICHMOND
Richmond leads 3-0

RECORD LAST SEASON
11-2 overall, 7-1 in CAA

FAST FACT
Richmond defeated Elon in the first round of the FCS playoffs before falling to Appalachian State in the quarterfinals.

GEORGIA SOUTHERN



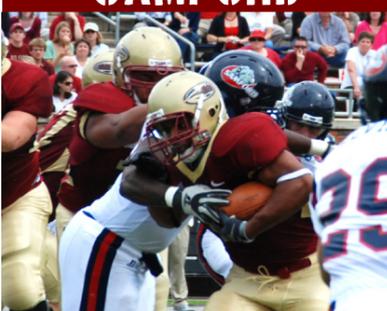
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ALL-TIME RECORD VS. GEORGIA SOUTHERN
Georgia Southern leads 7-3

RECORD LAST SEASON
5-6 overall, 4-4 in SoCon

FAST FACT
Georgia Southern has lost its last three games against the Phoenix — the only three losses the program has against Elon.

SAMFORD



OCT. 2
1:30 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. SAMFORD
Elon leads 5-2

RECORD LAST SEASON
5-6 overall, 3-5 in SoCon

FAST FACT
Samford running back Chris Evans is one of 20 finalists on the 2010 FCS Walter Payton Watch List.

APPALACHIAN STATE



OCT. 9
3 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. APPALACHIAN STATE
Appalachian State leads 28-9-1

RECORD LAST SEASON
11-3 overall, 8-0 in SoCon

FAST FACT
Last season, Appalachian State won the SoCon on its way to a semifinal appearance in the FCS playoffs.

WOFFORD



OCT. 23
1:30 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. WOFFORD
Wofford leads 22-11

RECORD LAST SEASON
3-8 overall, 2-6 in SoCon

FAST FACT
Wofford has won its last five games in Rhodes stadium.

UT CHATTANOOGA



OCT. 30
2 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. CHATTANOOGA
Elon leads 5-2

RECORD LAST SEASON
6-5 overall, 4-4 in SoCon

FAST FACT
In 2009, the Mocs won four SoCon games and six games total, after finishing 1-7 overall and 0-8 in the SoCon in 2008.

THE CITADEL



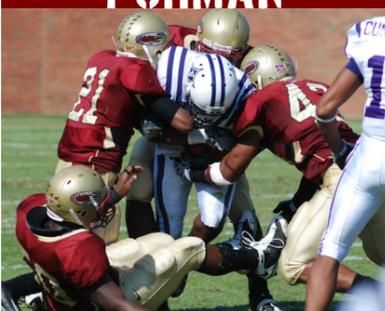
NOV. 6
2 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. THE CITADEL
The Citadel leads 6-3

RECORD LAST SEASON
4-7 overall, 2-6 in SoCon

FAST FACT
The matchup in Johnson Hagood Stadium against Elon is the school's homecoming game.

FURMAN



NOV. 13
1:30 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. FURMAN
Furman leads 10-3

RECORD LAST SEASON
6-5 overall, 5-3 in SoCon

FAST FACT
Furman is ranked preseason No. 3 in the SoCon after finishing in the same position last season.

WESTERN CAROLINA



NOV. 20
3 P.M.

ALL-TIME RECORD VS. WESTERN CAROLINA
Elon leads 21-16-2

RECORD LAST SEASON
2-9 overall, 1-7 in SoCon

FAST FACT
Place kicker Blake Bostic is one of 15 in the FCS, and the only SoCon player, named to the Fred Mitchell Award Watch List.

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SEPT. 3

COVERED BRIDGE OPEN
BOONE, N.C.

SEPT. 18

ELON INVITATIONAL
ELON, N.C.

OCT. 2

LOUISVILLE CLASSIC
LOUISVILLE, KY.
HAGAN STONE CLASSIC
GREENSBORO, N.C.

OCT. 15

ROYAL CROSS COUNTRY
CHARLOTTE, N.C.

OCT. 30

SOCON CHAMPIONSHIP
BOONE, N.C.

NOV. 6

PACK INVITATIONAL
CARY, N.C.

NOV. 13

NCAA REGIONALS
LOUISVILLE, KY.

NOV. 22

NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS
TERRE HAUTE, IND.

Men's and women's cross country is motivated, ready for successful season



Rebecca Smith
Reporter

One point can make a big difference. After last year's Elon Invitational Oct. 31, Elon University cross country learned about this difference — the difference between first and second place for the women's team. After being so close to success, the motivation is palpable this year.

"To win conference would be our biggest goal," senior Emily Fournier said. "We were one point shy last year. It's a huge reminder that every single person and point counts. One point can be the difference between winning and losing a championship. Know that everyone returning this year is very familiar with the feeling of being one point behind."

Last season the women's team finished with a program-best second-place finish in the Southern Conference Championship meet. The men's team finished fifth out of 11 teams.

"Last year, for both men and women it was their most successful seasons in Elon's history, so we're trying to build on that," head coach

Christine Engel said.

In June, the cross country teams started training for the season with guidelines from Engel.

"We're going to make sure we pay attention to every detail as far as training goes," senior Justin Gianni said. "Not just by running but make sure we're keeping on top of conditioning, abdomen strength and stretching. Because we do have a strong team, we want to make sure that we keep a strong mentality."

The men's team is looking at a strong season, Engel said, especially since it is bringing back the top two players, co-captains senior Matt Richardson and Gianni.

"We will have to see how our team will recover. Both of the captains will be graduating," Gianni said. "Our goal is to prepare the team to be able to accommodate for those losses."

One of the top female runners, Cate Beeler, graduated last year. Engel said she feels the team will come back strong. She is the only person who competed in the regional championship that graduated, and 10 freshman girls were added to

the team.

"We have 25 girls, so we have a very full team," Fournier said. "I think we are going to see a lot of seniors stepping up and taking leadership roles."

A new meet has been added at the beginning of the season — the Covered Bridge Open on Sept. 3, 2010. This meet will take place in Boone, N.C., and is the same course the teammates will run during the SoCon Championship.

"We are doing it earlier in the season so we can go and see the course and have more time to learn the course and strategize throughout the year," Gianni said. "We also don't want to race the course two weeks in a row at the end. We can mentally prepare the whole season."

Both teams will be competing in four meets and the SoCon championship. After the successful season last year, both teams have high goals for this season.

"I think both men and women are really motivated after last year," Engel said. "I think they gained a lot of confidence after that success. They are training very hard right now. They really believe that they can be successful."

MEET THE COACH: CHRISTINE ENGLE

Rebecca Smith
Reporter

In the two years that head coach Christine Engel has been at Elon University, the program has reached many milestones.

During her first year coaching, records were broken and program firsts occurred. During her second season, the women's and men's teams finished second and fifth, respectively. And Engel has already started priming the team for her third year.

During trainings Engel uses the following quote: "The will to win means nothing without the will to prepare."

"Her whole idea about the program is that what you put into it is what you are going to get out of it," senior

captain Emily Fournier said.

The teammates meet with the coach every week to discuss individual strategy. Before each meet there is a meeting where the team discusses its perspective, creates a goal and forms a strategy. The night before a race, there is a team meeting to make sure everyone is on board.

"Each week she builds us up by individually talking to us, and she debriefs us as a team," Fournier said. "She gives us a lot of encouragement."

One of the things Engel tries to reinforce in her players is focus. She tries to instill a good work ethic in her runners by emphasizing all the small decisions that go into running the best time possible at the races.

"She teaches us to pay attention to the details," senior Justin Gianni

said. "That is probably the biggest thing. It's important to pay attention to training and not just on the larger races. Focus on the running but also keep on top of the abdomen work, stretching, nutrition, diet and just staying healthy."

Another way Engel has helped the team improve is through recruitments.

"She is setting a new foundation for this team and building it up," Fournier said. "Every year she brings in new recruits that are better. She has her eyes set on some huge goals. She has the knowledge to really bring the team there, and I think she has done a great job of transitioning the program."

The hard work does not end when the season ends, Gianni said. The teams

continue to train in order to prepare for the following year.

"Right after the season ends we all train just to fill time, and it is really fun to be lighthearted during training," Gianni said. "Coach Engel really creates an environment where we all work hard, but can still have fun doing it at the end of the day."



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7 P.M.
HIGH POINT, N.C.

SEPT. 4

UNC CHARLOTTE
7 P.M.
CHARLOTTE, N.C.

SEPT. 10

RICHMOND
7 P.M.
ELON, N.C.

SEPT. 12

JACKSONVILLE
2 P.M.
ELON, N.C.

SEPT. 17

OLD DOMINION
8 P.M.
NORFOLK, VA.

SEPT. 19

COASTAL CAROLINA
2 P.M.
ELON, N.C.

SEPT. 25

DAVIDSON
7 P.M.
DAVIDSON, N.C.

SEPT. 28

DUKE
7 P.M.
ELON, N.C.

OCT. 2

UNC GREENSBORO
7 P.M.
ELON, N.C.

OCT. 6

WEST VIRGINIA
7 P.M.
ELON, N.C.

OCT. 9

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON
7 P.M.
ELON, N.C.

OCT. 12

CLEMSON
7 P.M.
CLEMSON, S.C.

OCT. 16

WOFFORD
7 P.M.
ELON, N.C.

OCT. 19

FURMAN
7 P.M.
ELON, N.C.

OCT. 23

APPALACHIAN STATE
7 P.M.
BOONE, N.C.

OCT. 26

WAKE FOREST
7 P.M.
ELON, N.C.

OCT. 29

GEORGIA SOUTHERN
3 P.M.
STATESBORO, GA.

NOV. 2

RADFORD
7 P.M.
ELON, N.C.

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New season brings higher expectations, goals for Phoenix men's soccer team



Jack Rodenfels
Senior Reporter

With seven regular starters from last year's roster graduating, the 2010 men's soccer squad will sport a new look — one full of young talent, new faces and battles at multiple positions.

But despite a young team, the Phoenix is still setting its goals high, senior goalkeeper Clint Irwin said.

"We're just concentrating on any way that we can make the (NCAA) tournament," he said.

In 2008, the Phoenix sported a perfect 7-0-0 ledger in Southern Conference play, but it missed the 48-team postseason tournament after falling to College of Charleston 4-1 in the SoCon semifinal matchup Nov. 14 and failed to lock up one of the tournament's 22 automatic bids.

Last year, the Phoenix reached the SoCon title game for the first time in school history but was defeated by Wofford College in the title game.

While no Elon men's squad has made the NCAA tournament, coach Darren Powell said he believes he has the right blend of players to propel the team through the season, catapulting them to a hopeful NCAA postseason selection.

"The SoCon is one of the most open conferences in men's soccer in the country. Anybody can win it," Powell said, while adding, "Why not us?"

To reach that goal, Powell divides his season into sections — non-conference play, conference play and tournament games — while emphasizing the adage of "taking one game at a time" to his players.

Since Aug. 16, the Phoenix has been practicing to get ready for the season's first test: its first game Wednesday at High Point University.

Another top non-conference matchups for the Phoenix is a Sept. 4 match against UNC Charlotte, ranked No. 25 in the preseason poll by College Soccer News. The 49ers also made the 2009 NCAA tournament.

Also on the slate are a Sept. 28 match against Duke University, ranked No. 15 preseason, and an Oct. 26 bout against Wake Forest University, ranked No. 7 in the nation preseason. The Demon Deacons have made four consecutive Final Four appearances in the NCAA tournament.

The Phoenix begins its seven-game conference schedule against Davidson College on Sept. 25.

Powell described the level playing field in the SoCon, noting Wofford's "worst to first" approach. After

finishing in last place in the SoCon for six straight years, the Terriers ran the table in 2009 and won the conference tournament.

"In college soccer, there's so much parity," Powell said. "It's about respecting all of the teams in the league and thinking that they're all going to be strong."

The 2010 season brings eight newcomers to the Phoenix — seven freshmen and junior midfielder Nick Millington, a transfer from Wake Forest. These players bring many accolades, including seven players with all-conference selections, three all-region selections, a member of the U-18 US Men's National Team and a Parade High School All-American.

"Pretty much since I've been here it's been the same core," senior midfielder Brad Franks said. "It's exciting that we have such a new team. There are so many possibilities and opportunities."

With his team focused on the upcoming season and the challenges that come with bringing a new team together, Powell noted he believes this season's team can build off the successes of previous seasons.

"This new group is making their mark and looks to take the team to a whole new level," Powell said. "I think this group is ready for the challenge."



MEET THE COACH: DARREN POWELL

Jack Rodenfels
Senior Reporter

Take one look at the Phoenix sideline during a men's soccer match, and you will see a man furiously pacing up and down the pitch, wildly flailing his arms, trying to get his team's — even the referee's — attention.

No, that man isn't trying to get thrown out of the match. It's just head coach Darren Powell doing what he does best — earnestly guiding his team on the soccer pitch.

Entering his sixth season at the helm for the Phoenix, Powell has no problem showing his enthusiasm and true love for the game to his team, senior goalkeeper Clint Irwin said.

"His passion translates onto the field," Irwin said. "You can see how much he cares about the game and wants to win, and it obviously has a trickle-down effect on us as players."

In his fifth year as head coach, Powell has led the Phoenix to a .500 or better record each season. Under Powell's leadership, the men's soccer team has achieved a bevy of firsts for Elon athletics including guiding the Phoenix to its first-ever NCAA Division I national ranking in 2006

and winning Elon's first Division I league title in any sport in 2008.

Additionally, the men's soccer program has produced 27 All-Southern Conference performers, a conference player of the year and two league freshmen of the year in Powell's five seasons.

Although accolades are nice, Powell's players note his passion spreads far beyond the confines of Rudd Field.

"He cares about all the players, and it's not just about him getting the wins," Irwin said. "He wants to make us better people."

Senior midfielder Brad Franks added, "You can't help but work hard for him."

Whether it's poking fun at his apparent fashion faux-pas — "We like to give him a hard time. He doesn't have any sense of style," Franks said — or describing his sideline

antics at an away game at College of Charleston — "He made this ridiculous noise and a robot motion up and down the sideline to show his frustration," Irwin said — one can see how the men's soccer team feeds off of Powell's zealous spirit and love of the game.

Powell's teams focus on the small things, senior defender Ben Lunka said. By focusing on breaking the opposition down by playing good team soccer, passing, communicating and moving to break teams down and score goals, the Phoenix can look forward to another campaign with Powell leading his team through the season.

"With Powell, it's a given that guys are going to be working hard for him, all while having a good time," Franks said. "Taking Coach Powell's words, 'We just have to take it one game at a time.'"



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SEPT. 3	GARDNER-WEBB 8 P.M. WILMINGTON, N.C.
SEPT. 5	COASTAL CAROLINA 11 A.M. WILMINGTON, N.C.
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SEPT. 12	LIBERTY 5:30 P.M. ELON, N.C.
SEPT. 17	LONGWOOD 7 P.M. FARMVILLE, VA.
SEPT. 19	VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH 1 P.M. RICHMOND, VA.
SEPT. 24	SAMFORD 8 P.M. BIRMINGHAM, ALA.
SEPT. 26	UT CHATTANOOGA 2 P.M. CHATTANOOGA, TENN.
OCT. 1	DAVIDSON 7 P.M. ELON, N.C.
OCT. 3	GEORGIA SOUTHERN 2 P.M. ELON, N.C.
OCT. 8	COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON 7 P.M. ELON, N.C.
OCT. 10	THE CITADEL 2 P.M. ELON, N.C.
OCT. 15	FURMAN 7 P.M. GREENVILLE, S.C.
OCT. 17	WOFFORD 2 P.M. SPARTANBURG, S.C.
OCT. 21	APPALACHIAN STATE 7 P.M. ELON, N.C.
OCT. 24	WESTERN CAROLINA 2 P.M. CULLOWHEE, N.C.
OCT. 27	UNC GREENSBORO 7 P.M. ELON, N.C.
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Women's soccer looks to expand on last year's history-making season

Pam Richter
Editor-in-Chief

With 12 wins during the 2009 season, the Elon women's soccer team needed just one more to secure a spot in the Southern Conference tournament and became conference champions. But a 1-0 loss Oct. 29 against UNC Greensboro ended the Phoenix's hopes at postseason play.

The way the SoCon shaped out toward the end of the 2009 season, the Phoenix would have secured the first-place spot in the conference. But because it lost and the top of the conference was so packed, it dropped down to fifth and missed the SoCon tournament, which featured the conference's top-four teams.

That final game for the Phoenix had head coach Chris Neal in a whirlwind of emotions. His team just lost a dramatic game and ended its season, but right after the game, he had to run to his wife, who was in labor with their first child, Josilyn.

"I had all these other unavoidable emotions going on," Neal said. "I told them after the game that I was very proud of them and I thought they played awesome, but I had to go."

The loss at UNCG finished off the

Phoenix's season with a record of 12-5-2 overall and 7-3-1 in the SoCon. It was the most wins for the program since its move to Division I in 1999.

This season the team began with a challenging nonconference schedule with games against Virginia Tech, Campbell University and Gardner-Webb University.

These games are important to start the season off because wins against competitive nonconference teams will help increase the team's RPI and increase its chances of receiving a bid to the NCAA tournament if the team doesn't receive one from winning the SoCon, Neal said.

"You aren't going to get an at-large bid unless you are winning nonconference games as well," he said.

For the team, the goal this season is to win the SoCon and make it to the NCAA tournament, Neal said. The first in-conference opponent the team faces is Sept. 24 at Samford University. Last season Samford was one of three teams to whom the Phoenix lost in the SoCon.

All the matchups within the conference will be tough this season, senior forward Brittany Hallberg said.

"The Southern Conference is really competitive. We lost to UNCG, Davidson and Samford last season," she said. "I think those will be our biggest matchups again. But then again, all the teams are pretty tough."

One of the team's strengths this season, according to Hallberg, is winning air balls and free kicks. She said these were some strengths of the team last season as well.

"We definitely will miss a lot of our seniors, but we have a good class coming in," junior defender Andrea Keller said. "They will help us out and provide a lot of depth and make us better."

One position the Phoenix is looking to fill is goalie. Last season, Sydney Little led the Phoenix in net. Neal said sophomore Kristen Haney is the projected starter but feels there is going to be "genuine competition."

For Keller and Hallberg, the game they are most excited about is the Oct. 27 matchup against UNCG — the team that ended Elon's postseason hopes last season.

"I would love a win against UNCG," Hallberg said. "We've come so close, especially last year. I would love a win in that game."

MEET THE COACH: CHRIS NEAL

Pam Richter
Editor-in-Chief

This summer, every night before he went to bed, Elon women's soccer coach Chris Neal took out his notebook and drew out soccer strategies for the upcoming season. During the summer months, Neal spent some of his time working on schedules for preseason workouts and logistical work for the team. He focused on preparing his team for the upcoming season on the field as well.

The balance Neal displays between logistical planning and planning on the field is something senior forward Brittany Hallberg said she recognizes most in her coach.

"One thing about him is that he knows when to be serious and knows

when to make you laugh. He knows when to push you to your limits and make you work hard," Hallberg said. "But at the same time he makes soccer enjoyable. It's tough being a student athlete, but he finds that right balance between the two."

Hallberg wasn't recruited by Neal, who joined Elon as the head coach in January 2008, but said it wasn't a hard transition to his coaching style.

"He came in and knew what he wanted to do and was really confident in what he needed to get done with the team," Hallberg said.

In his first season, Neal led the team to an 8-8-3 record, the team's first .500 or better record since 1999. Last season, he coached the team to a 12-5-2 overall mark, setting a school record for the most wins since moving to Division I.

Junior defender Andrea Keller was one of the first players Neal recruited to come to Elon. During this time, she said their relationship has evolved and he helped her adjust to playing soccer on the collegiate level.

Both Keller and Hallberg agreed that Neal's ultimate goals are to help the players become better as individuals and also as a team.

"He's very constructive. He gives a lot of advice and pointers," Keller said. "In practice he'll give a lot of examples of how this will help in the game even when we are doing simple drills. He always tries to apply it to the game and make us better."

One thing Hallberg has taken away most from her coach is his inspirational pregame talks.

"You can just see his excitement



and he gets you pumped up to play and ready to go," she said.

Beyond the excitement and passion, it comes back to Neal's balance for Hallberg and the rest of the Phoenix squad.

"Everyone sees him as a role model," Hallberg said. "You can go to him for advice about soccer or anything else. I think that the fact that he can be there for both is good."



Season of high expectations, hope for volleyball team



Conor O'Neill
Assistant Sports Editor

Upon being asked what games she is most looking forward to this fall, junior outside hitter Caroline Lemke gave quite a list before pausing.

She said matches against Samford University, College of Charleston, Furman University and UNC Greensboro will be key games, along with every other Southern Conference match.

"I would say, of all the years I've been here, this is the year I feel most confident that we can win at least the Northern Division and hopefully the Southern Conference," Lemke said.

After last season's school-best finish of 23-8 overall and 9-7 in the conference, the team is aiming higher this year.

"Our team goals are to win our conference in the North Division, make it to the SoCon Tournament and win there," senior outside hitter Lauren Copenhagen said.

In order to accomplish those goals, the Phoenix will have to defeat Samford and Appalachian State University, the

two teams from the North Division that finished ahead of the Phoenix last year.

Rival UNCG also finished with a 9-7 SoCon record and will be another tough test this season.

"No matter how good or bad each team is, that's always a good game because of the rivalry," Lemke said of the matches against the Spartans.

Head coach Mary Tendler, entering her eighth season at the helm for the Phoenix, said she believes last season's success will give the Phoenix more motivation to surpass the 2009 effort this year.

"The success we had last year with 23 wins has made us hungrier this year," Tendler said. "I think we'll have a better team this year and we'll put a better product on the floor."

In each of the last three seasons, the Phoenix has increased its win total and will look to do so again this year.

In order to accomplish these goals, according to Copenhagen, the team must put in the necessary work to achieve them.

"We need to work on all skills and

make sure everyone is doing their part to make the team more successful," Copenhagen said. "(We have to) push ourselves on the court, off the court and in the weight room."

Tendler mentioned one specific change the Phoenix will have to make in order to accomplish its goals this year.

"One thing we can improve on is winning close matches and finishing out those things," Tendler said. "Last year we played a lot of five-set matches, and we lost a lot of those."

In order to improve winning close matches, Tendler said the team needs an identity.

"I think it was more of us being a very balanced team, and sometimes when you have a balanced team, you don't know who to go to in the clutch," Tendler said.

But that is something to figure out during the season. Now, the team just can't wait until it has an opponent other than teammates for scrimmages.

"(We're) very excited to start playing again and to get someone else on the other side of the net," Lemke said.

MEET THE COACH: TENDLER



Conor O'Neill
Assistant Sports Editor

Going into her eighth season as the Phoenix head coach, Mary Tendler has had the Phoenix improving every season.

Last season, it

improved so much the team recorded the highest win total since moving to Division I.

"I think every year since Coach (Tendler) has been here, we've gotten better, so we're looking to improve our record and get longer winning streaks," junior outside hitter Caroline Lemke said.

To improve in the win column, the Phoenix will need Tendler to keep the team on an even keel, according to Lemke.

"Within our team, it's a great mix of high energy and calm and composed, and coach brings both of those,"

Lemke said.

One of Tendler's showcases of her high energy came this summer at the program's summer volleyball camp for youth volleyball players.

Tendler created, sang and danced to a rap version of The Lonely Island's "I'm on a Boat."

There was just one catch; instead of being on a boat, the lyrics were tailored around being on a volleyball court.

"She's right on the money" on emulating T-Pain, senior outside hitter Lauren Copenhagen said.

On a more serious note, Lemke said usually

it is Tendler's job to make sure the Phoenix stays focused.

"I think she gets a kick out of us more than anything else," Lemke said. "We can be kind of silly and goofy, and she gets entertained by us. Sometimes she can tell us, 'Hey, chill out a little. Come back down and play the game.'"

And when Tendler tells the team to play the game, it listens.

"She knows the game better than anyone I've ever been around," Lemke said. "She understands what's going on and is great at telling you how to fix things."

2010 SCHEDULE

SEPT. 3

CALIFORNIA STATE NORTHRIDGE
8 P.M.
SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

SEPT. 4

SACRAMENTO STATE
5:30 P.M.
SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

UT SAN ANTONIO
8 P.M.
SACRAMENTO, CALIF.

SEPT. 10

STETSON
8 P.M.
ELON, N.C.

SEPT. 11

LIBERTY
3 P.M.
ELON, N.C.

SEPT. 14

UNC CHARLOTTE
7 P.M.
CHARLOTTE, N.C.

SEPT. 17

CAMPBELL
4:30 P.M.
WILMINGTON, N.C.

SEPT. 18

UNC WILMINGTON
11 A.M.
WILMINGTON, N.C.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE
4:30 P.M.
WILMINGTON, N.C.

SEPT. 25

SAMFORD
7 P.M.
ELON, N.C.

SEPT. 26

UT CHATTANOOGA
2 P.M.
ELON, N.C.

SEPT. 29

NORTH CAROLINA A&T
7 P.M.
ELON, N.C.

OCT. 2

APPALACHIAN STATE
4 P.M.
BOONE, N.C.

OCT. 3

WESTERN CAROLINA
3 P.M.
CULLOWHEE, N.C.

OCT. 8

UNC GREENSBORO
6 P.M.
ELON, N.C.

OCT. 9

FURMAN
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ELON, N.C.

OCT. 16

DAVIDSON
2 P.M.
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RADFORD
7 P.M.
RADFORD, VA.

OCT. 30

UT CHATTANOOGA
6 P.M.
CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

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SAMFORD
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BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

NOV. 5

UNC GREENSBORO
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GREENSBORO, N.C.

NOV. 6

WOFFORD
7 P.M.
SPARTANBURG, S.C.

NOV. 12

APPALACHIAN STATE
8 P.M.
ELON, N.C.

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WESTERN CAROLINA
5:30 P.M.
ELON, N.C.