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PRIDE IN PROGRESS

How one student is paving the path for more inclusion and resources for the transgender community on campus

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WHEN ELON UNIVERSITY SOPHOMORE Jay Tiemann was 15 years old, he recalled his mother telling him that she would support him having a partner of any gender. She jokingly asked him to promise, though, that he would “never be transgender.”

“On the inside I was like, ‘Oof,’” Tiemann said. “I know she’s not saying that because she hates trans people but because she knows that it’s an objectively harder life and she doesn’t want me to have to go through discrimination.”

It was around that age that Tiemann began to realize he was not cisgender — his gender identity did not match the female sexual identity he was assigned at birth. After choosing to ignore this and living in denial, Tiemann went from being what he calls a “stereotypical girly-girl” growing up to coming out as “Jay” and transitioning to a male at age 17. He said the unconditional support and love he received from his parents helped him a lot with this decision.



Jay Tiemann

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Elon men’s basketball introduces new head coach

The first-time head coach comes to Elon after spending time among titans of the sport

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A new era of Elon University basketball began on Monday as the men’s team introduced new head coach Mike Schrage.

“I’m not going to stand up here and make promises and guarantees,” Schrage said. “But I’ll promise and guarantee that you’ll get my absolute best every single day. And the byproduct of that is going to be some really special stuff.”

Schrage’s gig at Elon will be his first as a head coach, but his

resume is replete with high-level experience. In Monday’s introductory press conference, he rattled off the coaches who have taught and inspired him along the way, a list that boasts a number of college basketball’s biggest names. He spent nine seasons under the tutelage of Mike Krzyzewski at Duke University and started his career with four seasons on Bob Knight’s staff as a student assistant at Indiana University.

“The people he was around at those programs,” said Athletics Director Dave Blank. “The basketball minds, some of these people invented rules by which we play.”

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New Elon men’s basketball head coach Mike Schrage speaks to a crowd at an introductory press conference in Schar Center on Monday, April 8.

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Glenda Phillips Hightower receives an honorary degree from Elon.



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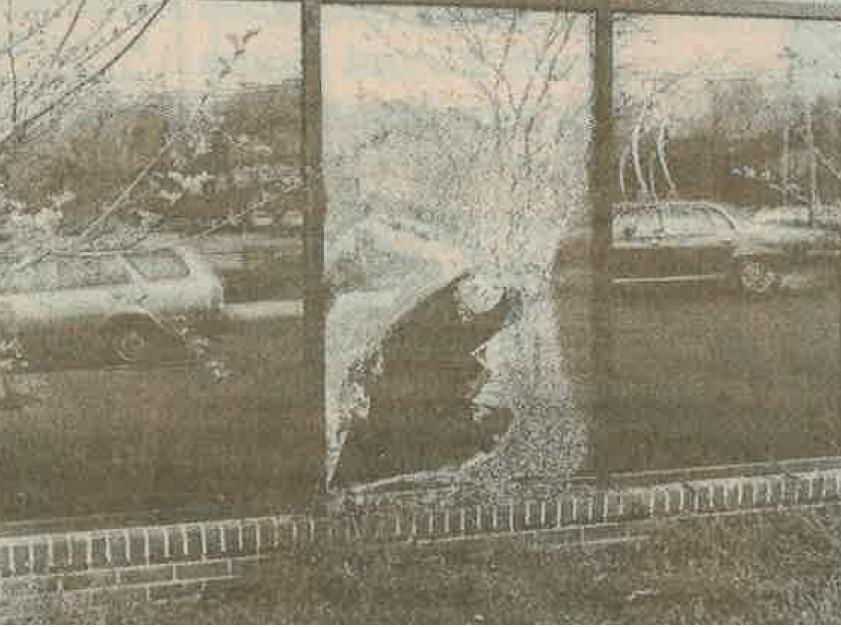
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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY - DOE CRASHES INTO WINDOW



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The doe crashed through a double-paned window in the Fine Arts building after being startled by oncoming traffic while crossing the road.

APRIL 9, 1991. A doe crashed into a window in the Fine Arts Building on April 9, 1991. The animal was fatally injured, alarming bystanders in the area.

Deborah Danley, secretary of the fine arts department, heard the deer crash through the window. “The sound was hard to describe, it sounded like a hard thud and then I went out to discover this unconscious bleeding deer,” Danley said.

The deer was reportedly frightened by oncoming traffic behind Jordan Center and plunged through the mirror-like glass.

“She probably saw the reflection of the trees in the glass and thought it was an escape route for her,” said Sterling Baker, district five captain of the North Carolina State Wildlife Commission.

According to Harlan Hall, game biologist for the State Wildlife Commission, the casualty had been a common occurrence in the area.

“An overflow of deer at this time of year causes more deer to come out of the woods into the city, thus causing more casualties,” Hall said.

Damage to the Fine Arts Building was estimated to be \$300-400.

GAMES

How to Play: Guess the missing word in the five clues, then find them in the word search below. Words can be found backward, diagonal, etc.

- Twenty-four percent of respondents who were out as or perceived as _____ in college reported being verbally, physically or sexually harassed at that time. *See Page 4 for answer.*
- Julia _____, former prime minister of Australia, considers education to be the most important aspect of life for children today. *See Page 6 for answer.*
- The Gender and LGBTQIA+ Center (GLC), Spectrum and the Student Union Board collaborated to produce the _____ show. *See Page 9 for answer.*
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- Mike _____ has been named the new head coach of the men’s basketball team. *See Page 12 for answer.*

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Senior Kenan Roten performs during the Gender and LGBTQIA Center's annual Dragstravaganza on Friday, April 5. [SEE MORE DRAGSTRAVAGANZA](#) | [PAGE 11](#)



LIAM O'CONNOR | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Former Prime Minister of Australia Julia Gillard shares her experience in foreign political affairs — specifically between Asian countries — with the Elon University community at Spring Convocation on Thursday, April 4, in Alumni Gym. [SEE MORE GILLARD](#) | [PAGE 6](#)



Mike Schrage, the new Elon University men's basketball head coach, smiles at a press conference in Schar Center on Monday, April 8. [SEE MORE SPORTS](#) | [PAGE 11](#)

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Students walk across campus as snow falls on Tuesday, April 2.

LIAM O'CONNOR | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

TIEMANN | from cover

This is one of the country’s largest educational organizations for LGBTQ college students that assists universities nationwide in learning how to improve their LGBTQ campus life with the overall mission of being more inclusive, welcoming and respectful.

Despite the school’s rating, its programming and resources, students such as Tiemann have had to deal with misgendering, harassment and not having access to resources such as universal restrooms.

Becoming a Phoenix

When Tiemann first toured Elon, he fell in love with the campus. While skimming the school’s website, he came across a page called Trans at Elon, which he first thought was about student transportation. He eventually found out it was a page about transgender students and the resources offered to them. This was something he had not seen at other schools.

When he moved in at Elon in fall 2017, Tiemann said he felt every freshman could use college as a way to change their image or change who they are. For him, it was a nice way to start over and meet people who did not know his birth name.

“I made a habit of introducing myself and my pronouns to every class I went because I still did not appear very male,” Tiemann said.

The ability to have a campus name, or a name that appears in place of a student’s legal name in many university records, as well as preferred pronouns have been steps toward making the campus and its community more inclusive of other’s identities. This initiative started by the registrar’s office allows students to have their campus name and pronoun to be used in the campus directory, class rosters, Moodle, OnTrack and Degree Audit.

These changes started to become an option for students around 2014. Rod Parks, university registrar, acknowledges that for many students who identify as transgender and among other groups, identity is something that is very private to them.

“We wanted to give students an option,” Parks said. “We were going to portray them as they wanted to be portrayed.”

Matthew Antonio Bosch, director of the Gender and LGBTQ (GLC) Center at Elon, said the use of pronouns and campus names has allowed people to feel more validated.

“It is helping people realize that just because we look at someone doesn’t mean we know their race, their ethnicity, their gender background or their country of origin,” Bosch said.

Though feeling welcomed through the use of pronouns and being able to live with a male roommate, Tiemann said there have been multiple occurrences when he has been misgendered.

“Misgendering can really im-

pact someone deeply when they’re consistently referred to as an incorrect name,” Bosch said. “I think sometimes people, take it for granted how deeply it impacts someone who’s transgender to be constantly misgendered or called the wrong name.”

The Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law’s report on “Transgender students in Higher Education” said research indicated higher rates of distress among trans college students.

During his first year, Tiemann said he had a lot of anxiety because he did not know how people were going to treat him or if people would harass him inside or outside the classroom.

“When you are going to a college setting and you’re with a lot of cis guys who started puberty at age 13 versus at age 18 like I did, or second puberty,” Tiemann said. “It is kind of hard to compare yourself to people of your own age a lot because it does feel like it is kind of dysphoria-inducing because I don’t look like a lot of cis guys do.”

One of the first faculty mentors Tiemann met during his first year at Elon was L.D. Russell, senior lecturer in religious studies, who was his Global Experience professor. Russell said Tiemann was the first people he has ever met that has transitioned and now calls him one of his “personal heroes.”

“I see those who are willing to lead like Jay as pioneers who are opening doors for people down the road,” Russell said.

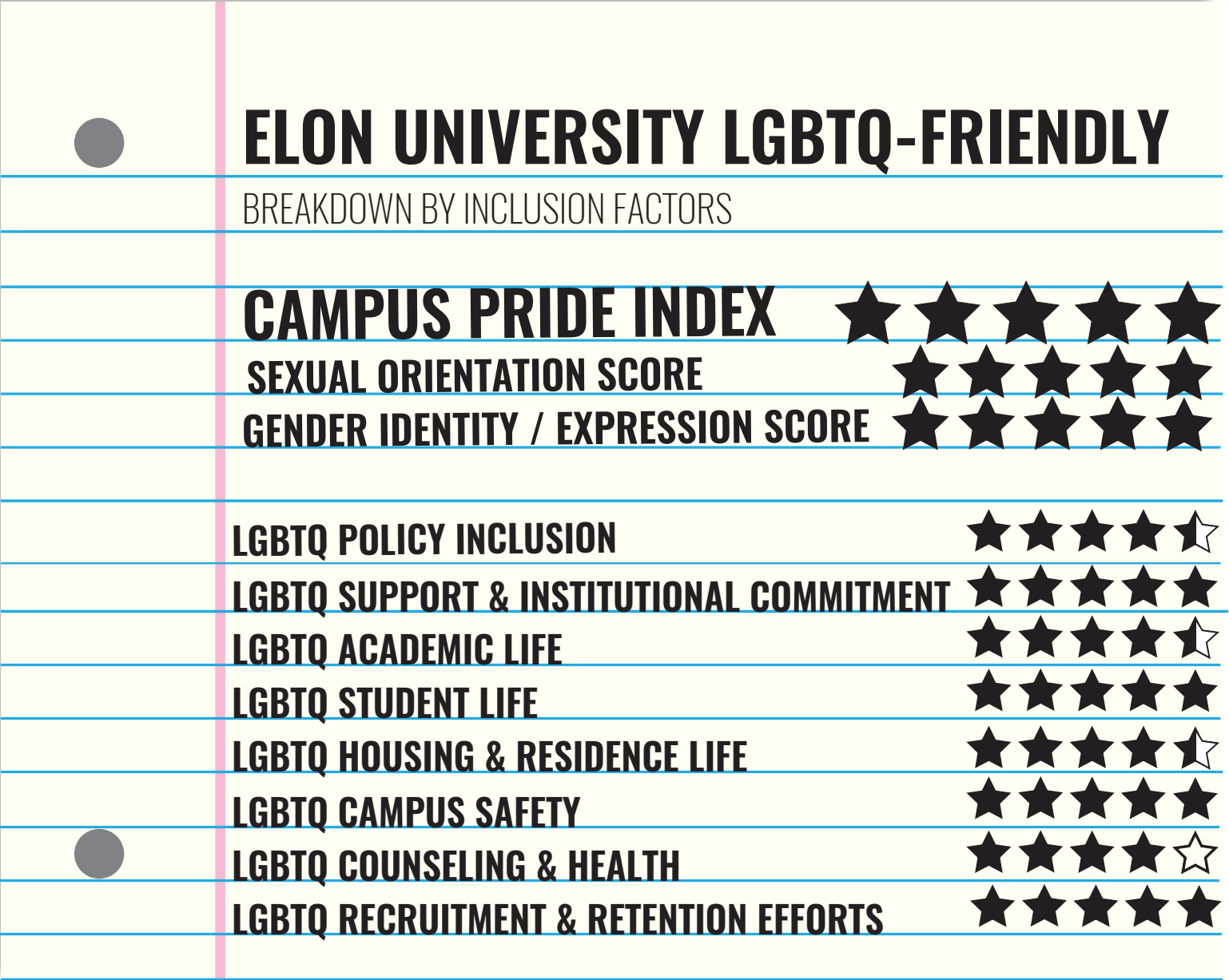


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Sophomore Jay Tiemann hangs out at the GLC while doing homework on his laptop.

DIEGO PINEDA | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dealing with the social climate

Being on testosterone longer and being more masculine with his appearance has allowed Tiemann’s experiences to get easier despite the challenges he has faced.

Last year, somebody from a passing car yelled “gay” to him and Spencer, his boyfriend. This year, somebody behind him said a slur. Tiemann filed bias reports for both incidents but chose the option to not have a follow-up on either. He wanted to record them so there is proof that these things do occur on Elon’s campus.

The U.S. Transgender Survey (USTS), a survey of more than 27,000 trans adults, found that 24 percent of respondents who were out as or perceived as trans

in college reported being verbally, physically or sexually harassed at that time, with 16 percent of those who experienced harassment having left college because of the harassment.

Besides filing bias reports, Bosch said the area of campus he constantly hears where students encounter a lot of misgendering and micro-aggressions is in the classroom.

“I find that surprising,” Bosch said. “Historically, we are taught that in a class, you’re just learning about the classroom content.”

When the implementation of pronouns and campus names was introduced to faculty and staff, Parks recalled receiving pushback on how this terminology would work in the classroom setting. Through efforts made by the Presidential Task Force Strategic Plan for LGBTQIA Inclusion, which

Parks and Bosch were a part of, resources were provided to help educate and inform.

Associate Provost Brooke Barnett also assisted in this task force group, whose main goals were divided in the areas of support, welcome, educate and communicate topics focused on the LGBTQ community. Barnett acknowledged all changes, such as the ones occurring in the classroom, take practice and time to get used to.

“I think that it [misgendering] is part of a broader societal issue,” Barnett said. “The use of a plural pronoun for an individual person is something that is a relatively new thing. It is hard for people to break habits about subject-verb agreement.”

Expanding current programs

Tiemann said one of the rea-



Sophomore Jay Tiemann poses with President Emeritus Leo Lambert and the rest of the GLC staff.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JAY TIEMANN

sons he chose Elon was because of the promise of universal restrooms. When he moved in on campus, he only felt safe in these. He said he recognizes the university is better than many other schools, but work can still be done.

“I still push for [more universal restrooms] because I remember how it feels,” Tiemann said. “To feel like I didn’t have any other options and for non-binary students and staff, they don’t have any other options where they feel safe either.”

Before the GLC was created in April 2013, only 15 restrooms existed on campus that were open to use by individuals of all genders and sexes. By 2015, the number rose to 90, and today the website states the school has more than 120. This was one of the task force inclusion goals that was met in the past two years. The universal restrooms serve any student, faculty, staff and community member, as well as those who identify as trans, gender-fluid or any other gender continuum. They are also accessible to people with disabilities, cross-gender caregivers and parents and children.

Bosch said the addition and rise of the number of universal restrooms can be attributed to the national attention transgender people were having.

Tiemann has been outspoken about the need for more universal restrooms on campus. He said an issue is not only how few there are but also how spread out they actually are. He mentioned how academic buildings like McMichael and Koury Business Center do not have any. The Koury Fitness Center has four, but they are

all located in the lower level of the gym.

“Before Sankey was built, if you were in KOBC, the closest one was actually in the admissions building,” Tiemann said. “That is something a lot of Elon students aren’t aware of because they don’t need those spaces.”

Though all new residential buildings, such as those in East Neighborhood, have these restrooms, older buildings, such as those in the Historic Neighborhood, do not have any.

“You can’t fix racism with money,” Tiemann said. “You can’t fix sexual assault on campus with money, but building more universal restrooms is one of the few things you could fix with money, so I don’t see why we wouldn’t address those problems immediately.”

Tiemann said another issue with the universal restrooms is the hours during which they are open to the public. He said, for example, the ones in residential buildings may be open 24/7 to the people who live in those buildings but are only open to the public during business hours.

Barnett knows there are several “universal restroom deserts,” especially in areas where there are physical structural barriers to creating them, such as older buildings. She said that in the university’s next strategic plan, or the next 10-year plan, there will be more built around campus. Tiemann is one of the few students that will be part of this plan and work along other students, faculty and staff in making efforts that will be implemented in the next few years.

Creating change

When Bosch was hired in

2013, Elon was No. 370 on the Campus Pride Index and had a two-star rating out of five. Today, it is in the top 30 and boasts a five-star rating. Bosch attributes a lot of the changes on Elon’s campus to its inclusive environment to numerous departments, programs and policies.

“It’s a community effort,” Bosch said. “Those new ideas would not have meant anything if it wasn’t for amazing allies and all these different areas and certainly the faculty to help make some movement.”

Some of the changes Elon has made over the years have been an employee resource group, some residential neighborhoods becoming gender open, the creation of an LGBTQIA alumni network and Elon 101 instructors receiving trainings on gender pronouns.

Changes have also been seen and started with student organizations such as Spectrum (Queer-Straight Student Alliance), Elon Feminists, SPARKS (Students Promoting Awareness, Respon-

UNIVERSAL RESTROOM GROWTH

15

was the number of universal restrooms on Elon’s campus in 2013.

90

was the number of universal restrooms on Elon’s campus in 2015.

120+

is the number of universal restrooms on Elon’s campus as of 2019.

sibility, Knowledge and Success) peer health educators and the Women’s, Gender and Sexualities Studies minor, among others. A lot of the changes are not necessarily coming from the GLC but are coming from other departments as well as from the task force. There is still no official gender or sexuality training for all faculty and staff.

Tiemann is seeking to create change and more education to make Elon a more inclusive campus than it already is. He is currently working on a Trans 103 presentation, which deals with topics such as what it means to be transgender, how to respect people’s identities and what the different identities are.

“Having one slide on a presentation isn’t really enough to cover all the complexities of gender identity,” Tiemann said.

The Williams Institute at UCLA School of Law’s report on “Transgender students in Higher Education” said trans first-year college students appear to be more committed to influencing politics and social values in the long term. Trans students were more likely than students in general to regard influencing social values as important or essential (63.35 percent vs. 43.9 percent).

“I’m not the end-all, be-all,” Tiemann said. “I can’t define the transgender experience if there even is one. It depends on where you come from.”

Tiemann hopes that with his work at the GLC as collaborations coordinator, the strategic planning committee and the president’s student leadership advisory committee, he can use his story and privileges to speak for those who are marginalized in the community. As someone who has a supportive family and who has had the financial means to assist his transition, Tiemann acknowledged he has had privilege in areas where many people in the transgender community have not.

“I have a duty to use these privileges for good instead of contributing to marginalization,” Tiemann said. “I wish that I had somebody when I was a teenager who would have helped me out more.”

He hopes that with his human services major, he can continue being an advocate for the LGBTQ community, especially the youth. He wants to work with this age group because if their parents are not supportive, they may not have anyone on their side.



Tiemann poses with the transgender flag.

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Former Australian Prime Minister visits as keynote speaker

Gillard discusses economy and global warming during Convocation

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Coming from a family with a history of hardship, Julia Gillard, former Prime Minister of Australia, considers education to be the most important aspect of life for children today.

"I think young people today have a sense that who we

MAKING "HERSTORY"

Gillard was the first female prime minister to serve for Australia.

are is being changed by the movement of people and ideas, and ultimately we are improved as we embrace new com-

ers, new ideas and new cultures," Gillard said. "And I think if we get to include people, we always build a future which is stronger if we get to include people and make sure everyone has access to opportunity."

On April 4, Julia Gillard traveled to Elon University to speak to the community about her personal hardships growing up as well as the increasing importance of China as a source of global influence.

Originally born in Bar-



LIAM O'CONNOR | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ry, Wales, Gillard moved to Australia when she was four years old. Her mother Moria worked as a cook for a retirement home, and her father John became a nurse at a mental health hospital. With the hard work of both parents, Gillard and her sister could receive a public education. But they both had to take classes specifically catered towards women.

"We girls went off to study a term of sewing, a term of cooking and a term of — my personal favorite — laundry, which means I am possibly the only G20 leader on the



I WANT TO GIVE TO THE UNIVERSITY TODAY IN A SENSE OF WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LIVE IN OUR REGION FOR THE WORLD AND TO LOOK AT IT THROUGH AUSTRALIAN EYES.

JULIA GILLARD
PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA

planet who can reliably answer the question: how to get a stain out of a silk shirt," Gillard said.

Gillard remained involved and studious throughout her education experience and eventually found joy in being involved politically with preventing major cutbacks towards education in her local county. Her love for politics was sparked and is still her passion.

During her term as prime minister, Gillard reached out to China to form a relationship with the country, due to its growing importance. She

Former Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard speaks on global economy during her foreign policy lecture in Alumni Gym on Thursday, April 4.

maintained the Asia Pacific Economic Crop Cooperation (APEC), as well as an annual meeting with the U.S. and the Chinese governments.

Gillard said she worries about China's communist nature today. Many thought China's government would be a democratic nation after the Cold War. But after many years, China does not show signs of changing its political structure soon, according to Gillard. She believes the current president of China is trying to permanently secure his position for life.

Gillard discussed during her speech how China has established large international organizations, such as the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, which both the United Kingdom and Australia have already joined. China has also reached out to additional countries, such as Italy, for trade negotiations as well. Despite blocking the communist country from international affairs, China has constructed its own path to becoming an international power, according to Gillard.

"Living in my region of the world, we think long and hard about the future of Asia. It matters to us in every way. Economic security, people to people links — you name it — it matters to Australia," Gillard said. "I want to give to the university today in a sense of what it's like to live in our region for the world and to look at it through Australian eyes."

Hightower awarded honorary doctorate at Convocation

The first full-time black student speaks on higher education, race relations

Maeve Ashbrook & Mackenzie Wilkes

Glenda Phillips Hightower was the valedictorian at her high school in Burlington, North Carolina, but had no college to attend until Elon College offered her full tuition. In 1963, she became the first full-time black student to attend Elon. On April 4, 2019, she received an honorary doctorate from Elon University at Spring Convocation.

"Elon has always been the Fighting Christians to me," Hightower said. "They accomplish mountains, surpass everyone, but maintain the village that supports education and decency. So, I am completely honored to be recognized and offered such a prestigious award."

Hightower said scholarships like hers that grant an advanced education to those who would not have access to it fling the door

open. Her advice to black students at Elon currently came from the words of her community, advice she had been given long before her time at Elon: to get an education.

"Education prepares you to cope with obstacles, and this need to be separate is an obstacle," Hightower said. "Don't be married to the obstacle. Don't be overwhelmed by the obstacle. Prevail, persist, honor and respect yourself. Live in dignity and integrity, and I promise you the outcome will be worth it."

Hightower said her life at Elon was segregated. On campus, it was not appropriate for her to make

eye contact or even brush by someone of a different color than her. But she was never tortured, abused or harassed.

"I was tolerated on this campus and acknowledged as a person, not a piece of chatel, was a good thing," Hightower said.

Though Hightower did not graduate from Elon, her legacy marks an important time in its history.

"Many people have approached me today to say thank you for what you've done," Hightower



DON'T BE MARRIED TO THE OBSTACLE. DON'T BE OVERWHELMED BY THE OBSTACLE. PREVAIL, PERSIST, HONOR AND RESPECT YOURSELF.

GLENDA PHILLIPS HIGHTOWER
HONORED DOCTORATE RECIPIENT



LIAM O'CONNOR | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Elon community congratulates Glenda Phillips Hightower on her honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters on Thursday, April 4, in Alumni Gym.

said. "Part of me is disappointed that I didn't graduate from here. Part of me says, 'I don't know how you can be so grateful.'"

"But at the same time, considering earlier, Fighting Christians prevail," Hightower said. "So while I was part of it, but not all of it, I think it's wonderful."

While Hightower knows Elon has improved since her time here, she recognizes that Elon will never stop growing or advancing.

"This amazing day is going to honor me as the leader for this cause, for the cause of integration, for the cause of higher education, for the cause of socialization and encouragement to interact with each other regardless of what color we are, what faith we are, what motivation we have," Hightower said.

"I see that occurring on this campus, and it gives me great joy," Hightower said.

HIGHTOWER BY THE NUMBERS

1963

Glenda Phillips Hightower became the first black full-time student at Elon College.

OPINIONS

Release the Mueller Report now



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After almost two years and 176 presidential tweets about the “witch hunt,” the Special Counsel investigation is finally complete. Now that it’s over, the full report should be released to the public.

On May 9, 2017, President Donald Trump fired FBI Director James Comey, who was in the middle of investigating the president. Eight days later, Deputy Attorney General Rob Rosenstein appointed Robert Mueller, a Republican and former FBI director, to head a special counsel investigation and pick up where Comey left off.

The investigation had three purposes: to find the extent of Russia’s interference in the 2016 Presidential Election, to find out if there was any collusion between Russia and the Trump campaign and to see if Donald Trump obstructed justice.

On March 22, 2019, Robert Mueller submitted a 400-page report of their findings to the Justice Department. Two days later, Attorney General William Barr sent a four-page letter to Congress summarizing the report.

Barr said Russia tried influencing the presidential

election in two ways: disinformation and social media campaigns and computer hacking which strategically released emails from the Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee.

Thirty-four people and three Russian organizations were indicted by Mueller. Most of the charges were either for conspiracy against the United States, lying or obstructing justice or some kind of tax fraud.

Of the 34 people indicted, seven were Americans: former Trump Campaign Manager Paul Manafort, his associate Rick Gates, former National Security Advisor Michael Flynn, Donald Trump’s former personal lawyer Michael Cohen, political consultant Roger Stone, former member of the Trump campaign’s foreign policy advisory panel George Papadopoulos and a fake ID salesman named Richard Pinedo.

According to Mueller’s report, the special counsel “did not establish that members of the Trump Campaign conspired or coordinated with the Russian government in its election interference activities.” Basically, he says

the president and his campaign did not collude with Russia. But they could not reach a conclusion on the question of obstruction of justice, saying that “while this report does not conclude that the President committed a crime, it also does not exonerate him.” Barr and Rosenstein concluded there was not enough evidence to convict the president of obstruction of justice.

After having Barr’s summary further summarized for him, the president tweeted, “No Collusion, No Obstruction, Complete and Total EXONERATION. KEEP AMERICA GREAT!”

The full report must be released.

The president is not totally exonerated. In fact, the report specifically says he isn’t. Barr and Rosenstein were appointed by Trump, it is not their job to reach these conclusions.

The full report must be released.

Public officials work for us — the public. We elected Donald Trump. We pay his salary. We paid for this investigation. We deserve to see the evidence and the findings ourselves.



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY LEAH DAY

The full report must be released.

Barr’s four-page summary did not answer important questions and raised a million new ones. Why did the president lie about the Trump Tower meeting? Why did he say Russia didn’t meddle in the election? Why did so many people connected to him lie to the FBI and Congress? Why wasn’t Trump interviewed by the special counsel? Why didn’t they draw a conclusion

on obstruction? What evidence do they have?

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LIFESTYLE



Elon alumuc “Stormie Daie” Lip-syncs during Dragstravaganza on Friday, April 5, in Taphouse.

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Third annual drag show commemorates spring pride week

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The evening of April 5 saw Elon University students fill College Taphouse to participate in a celebration focused on the queer community of Elon.

Dragstravaganza showcases both professional and student drag queens and kings. This spring's show headlined Elon alumnus Stormie Daie and her fellow professional queen Naomi Dix.

The show was a product of collaboration between the Gender and LGBTQIA+ Center (GLC), Spectrum and the Student Union Board.

Trinity Dixon, educational resource coordinator at the GLC, acted as a leading role in organizing Dragstravaganza.

Dixon said Dragstravaganza was a team effort, needing a lot of work behind the scenes to make the event as great as possible.

“The event is very glamorous, but preparing for the event is not as glamorous. It’s just a lot of emails, a lot of meetings, but I enjoyed it. It was a lot of fun for me to just connect with people,” Dixon said.

The amount of effort put into Dragstravaganza is a testament to the importance behind the event and the community it represents.

“Looking back at the roots of queer culture and queer rebellion, liberation, it started out as a form of resistance,” Dixon said.

Dragstravaganza kicks off a spring pride week dedicated to



Stormie Daie and Naomie Dix perform a duet. at the Dragstravaganza show.

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recognizing the LGBTQ community and their importance in the community as a whole. It is a time for students who identify with this community to come and feel that they are in a space that is safe for them to express themselves and be surrounded by others they can share experiences with.

Dixon elaborated on the spaces at Elon that are cultivated as open and safe atmospheres, including Spectrum and the Gender and LGBTQ Center.

“If someone really does feel like they want to get out of the box, and they feel like they need the space to have that, there are so many spaces on campus and groups of people that they can connect with and connect to,” Dixon said.

Daie hosted Dragstravaganza as an Elon student before performing with Dix at The House of Coxx in Durham.

Freshman Mercedes Ruiz stressed the importance behind supporting the local LGBTQ culture surrounding Elon.

“I just think it was great to see some representation because at Elon, there’s not a lot of LGBTQ representation, so we have like events like this, so I’d love to see people do their makeup every day,” Ruiz said. “And just embrace their sexuality.”

Students auditioned to be part of the show, and the GLC chose four to perform. Friends came to support those performing and greeted them with cheers and high ener-

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FRESHMAN

gy. Daie and Dix also gave words of support following the students’ performances.

Students who attended the event were greeted at the door with a sign-in table that offered buttons, stickers and glow sticks to show support with the LGBTQ community.

Music pulsed from the DJ, inviting students onto the dance floor. From pop hits to classic tunes, students were instantly transported into a celebratory atmosphere. Flags representing a number of sexualities and identities were hung around the room, openly celebrating those who identified with them. Tables in the back offered food and drinks for those who brought an appetite with their excitement.

Dixon said this gave the queer community the chance to be visible.

“We are here, we are gender non-conformed,” Dixon said. “We can all dance and have a good time.”

When Daie and Dix took to the stage, the excitement of the room hit an all-time high. The queens were joined by the audience in singing and dancing to their high energy songs throughout the night.

The queens held open conversations with the crowd, asking about a range of topics from song suggestions to the community at Elon. Questions were never left unanswered, and the queens responded enthusiastically to questions from the audience as well.

Daie and Dix interacted on deeply personal levels with each individual, making all who participated feel welcome in order to promote an open, safe atmosphere.

But for Dixon, drag is more than a performance — it’s a celebration of queer art and culture.

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THREE WOMEN TAKE THE REINS OF SGA'S EXECUTIVE BOARD

After all-male leadership, these women launch into the new year as executives

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IN 1913, ELON UNIVERSITY SGA elected two women to lead on the executive board. But also in 1913, despite the efforts of suffragettes worldwide, women did not have the right to vote.

Viola Elizabeth Frasier acted as senior class secretary and Janie Lee Beale acted as senior class treasurer. Soon after, in 1915, Charlotte Beatrice Mason acted as senior class vice president.

AHEAD OF THEIR TIME

SGA elected the first two women to its executive board 106 years ago in 1913.

Now 106 years later, Elon is still electing women to lead. This year, three members of SGA's executive board are women — Executive Vice President Louisa Sholar, Executive Secretary Julia Field and Executive Treasurer Amanda Yaffa. Their experiences as women in SGA have not only shaped how they lead but also how they hope to guide Elon into a new era, just as women in SGA might have hoped in years past.

As freshmen, Sholar, Field and Yaffa came into SGA positions that whet their appetites for the positions they now hold though at times they were intimidated by what Field calls a “hard learning curve” when joining the organization.

Sholar, who joined the Academic Council, said the beginning of her SGA career was a particularly challenging transition since she was “shy and soft-spoken to begin with.”

While at meetings, Sholar, who sat between two of her male counterparts, would notice them “speaking up more frequently and more quickly than [she] could even form a thought,” which made her feel that she was “not fast enough”

and “not good enough, really, to participate in this level of conversation at the rate that they are.”

Sometimes, Sholar said, they would even hold conversations across her.

“It was very clearly their sort of arena,” Sholar said.

Field and Yaffa, who joined SGA at the same time, also said their initial experiences were intimidating though they do not attribute that to a gender disparity.

“The first business meeting I remember being very overwhelmed,” Field said. “I don’t know if that had to do with gender or not.”

According to Yaffa, it takes time throughout freshman year, “regardless of gender, to feel comfortable on the senate, and some people are more outgoing and more willing to talk than others.”

This is an area in which these women would like to make a difference, according to Sholar.

“That’s something that I want to keep in mind as VP,” Sholar said. “I think we can do a better job about having consistent training schedules, it really does take practice.” This is why Sholar aims to incorporate training meetings into each month’s schedule.

“I don’t want anyone to feel like they have thoughts or opinions and just can’t get a word in edgewise,” Sholar said.

Sholar, in what she calls an “R.B.G.-esque” vision of SGA’s future, says she also hopes to see a completely female senate or executive board somewhere down the line.

“That would be momentous,” Sholar said, given that “there have been many years when there have been all men.”

Field agrees hearing more voices in SGA would be beneficial. She wants to see “members from diverse backgrounds and upbringings but also people who are involved in lots of different things on campus ... who all share the same

goal of making Elon a better place.”

To Field, this diverse senate would help create substantive change.

“I would like to come back to SGA in 40 years and definitely be able to see here are tangible things, tangible initiatives that have come out of SGA that have genuinely improved the lives of students or brought more togetherness within

think there has been a lot of progress towards like this idea of unity, but I think there’s still a lot of incidents, like the one in January,” Sholar said, referring to an incident in which a whiteboard in the Koury Center was defaced with offensive imagery.

While Sholar believes an ideal future has not yet been achieved at Elon, she said there are measures



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SENIOR, SGA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

the student body,” Field said. And Yaffa agrees.

“I would love to come back and feel that sense of family or community within SGA,” Yaffa said.

But the road to an ideal future for SGA is long, according to Sholar.

“We are really struggling, I

being taken by SGA to change the organization and Elon itself.

“We reviewed the constitution last term with the prior administration, and we made some changes in order to allow more people to serve in the senate and on committees,” Sholar said.

Field added that sporting events

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Above: The women of the Executive Board of SGA (left to right): Vice President Lousia Sholar, Treasurer Amanda Yaffa and Secretary Julia Field.

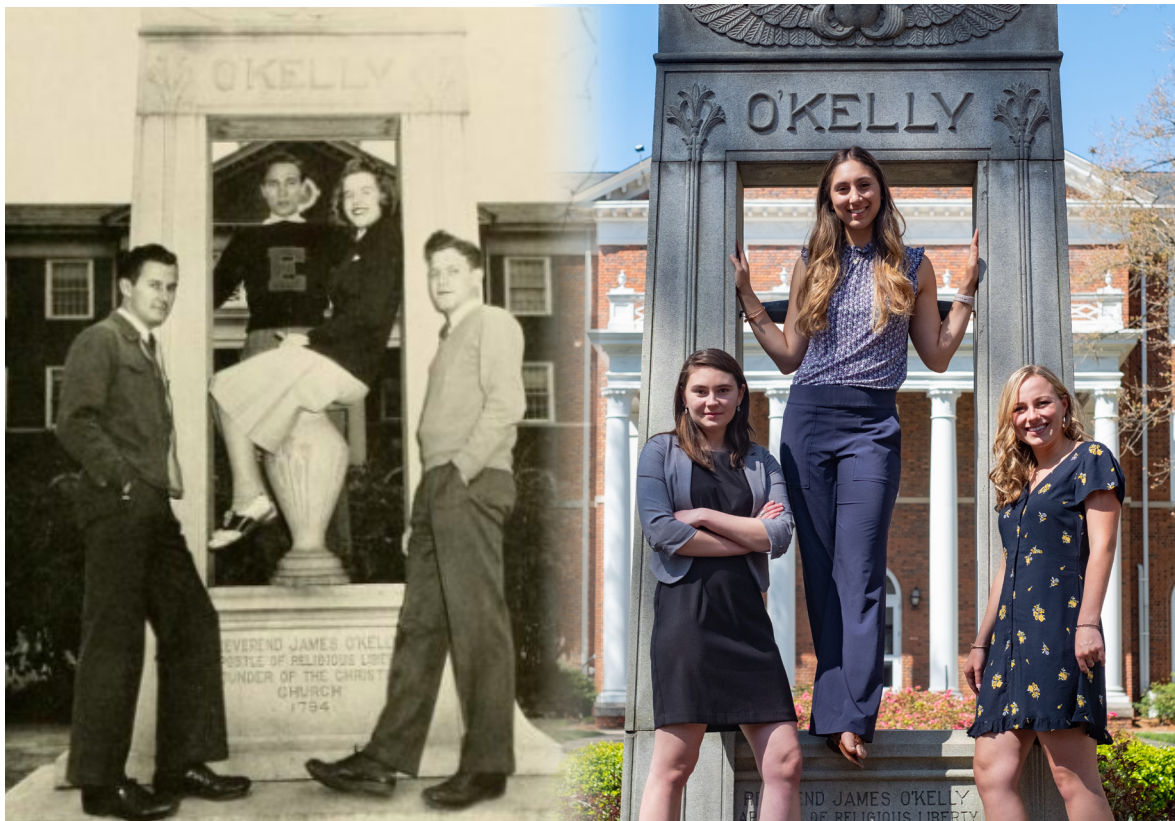
and school spirit have been major topics of conversation in SGA.

“I think that that’s something that could really unite the student body,” Field said, remembering the “huge success” of tailgates this past fall. “It didn’t matter who you were — like you were invited to a tailgate, and you had the same opportunity to stand on Bank of America Drive and hang out with people and play bean bags like every other student on this campus.”

Going forward, Sholar, Field and Yaffa hope to inspire younger women at Elon to strive for success within SGA or in other organizations.

“Hopefully, seeing women in these offices would inspire younger underclassmen women to be able to achieve these positions and to know that it definitely is attainable, and it doesn’t have to be something that is reserved for men,” Field said.

In the new SGA legislative year, Yaffa said she wants to “inspire other people to not view it as male or female but as hardworking individuals that can do this.”



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Left: Left to right, the junior class of 1942: Jimmie Darden, vice president; Billy Johnston, treasurer; Marjorie Copeland, secretary; and George Bullard, president.

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Right: The women of the Executive Board of SGA (left to right): Vice President Lousia Sholar, Treasurer Amanda Yaffa and Secretary Julia Field.

Elon gardener finds his passion from the ground up

Along with a love of outdoors, gardener James Moore loves the community at Elon

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Elon University's campus boasts perfectly manicured lawns, intricately patterned flower beds and aligned brick walkways. The postcard-like campus is made possible by the Physical Plant team, the faces behind the maintenance.

While most of campus is asleep, Physical Plant gardener James Moore is up at 7 a.m. beginning the day's work.

From clearing walkways, to weeding, to planting and more, he loves his job and the opportunities it affords him.

Moore, who has a degree in horticulture, initially found landscaping to be a viable job because he would work landscaping jobs with his father. He discovered he enjoyed doing the work and being outside.

"It was kind of more of like, 'I need a job. I need to go to school,'" Moore said. "And then it turned into more for enjoying being outside and appreciating it."

Along with the outdoor environment, Moore loves the communal environment of his job. Seeing students, faculty, staff and Martin the mailman is part of his daily

routine.

"I like working with the people and our department at Elon, and then everybody's so friendly," Moore said. "I'll see people that work in offices, and I'll talk to them."

According to Moore, the work Physical Plant does is a team effort. Susan Tripp, a horticulturist with Physical Plant, works closely with Moore on a day-to-day basis, and just as Moore was describing the community at Elon, Tripp, who had a weed sprayer strapped to her back, shouted "hello" to him.

Tripp said Moore is a "special guy," and that work could not get done without him, to which he humbly chimed in, saying that what they do is teamwork.

Sophomore student worker Lily Sandifer-Stech is part of Moore's team. She works with Moore on various landscaping jobs every Tuesday and Thursday. Sandifer-Stech, who loves being outdoors, finds the work to be both enjoyable and educational.

"I love working with James because he's such a genuine and caring person who's also a lot of fun," Sandifer-Stech said. "I really enjoy how he takes the time to point out different flowers, trees or other plants to me and tell me more about them or to just tell me that they're about to bloom."

Moore has been working at



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Left: Sophomore student worker Lily Sandifer-Stech helps gardener James Moore weed flower beds in front of Alamance building.

Below: Horticulturist Susan Tripp and gardener James Moore work together in the landscaping department of Physical Plant.

Elon for nearly a decade this May and could not imagine himself working anywhere else. He said the opportunities Elon has to offer are unparalleled.

"I believe that they genuinely appreciate their staff, and there's so many opportunities for staff at Elon that a commercial landscaping company, they would never dream of doing that stuff," Moore said.

From commercial landscaping to working retail at a gardening center, Moore said these jobs just don't compare to being a gardener at Elon. In 2015 he left Elon for four months but came back because of the freedom the job offers.

"This historic area is my office," Moore said.



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ELON EATS

New coffee shop in Greensboro promotes positivity

Union Coffee Co. is a business focused on coffee quality and heart for customers

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Union Coffee Co. is a young business that has grown into a local favorite, valuing its coffee and its customers in equal measure.

Daniel Davidson and Spencer Loman are cofounders of the café, partnered with the coffee roasters company Black and White Coffee.

"My wife and I, as well as our other cofounder Spencer Loman, have a big heart for the city and wanted to do something that would both help create positive culture and add both to downtown and growth of the city," Davidson said.

The staff at Union Coffee Co. are committed to creating that positive culture, greeting customers with smiles as soon as they enter.

The menu is small but specialized, and each coffee is crafted with extreme care, putting quality of taste at a noticeable forefront. From smooth vanilla lattes to skillfully balanced flavored coffees, Union Coffee Co. fills its menus with delicious options that are affordably priced, making it the perfect stop for students on a budget.

Tucked onto the corner of West Friendly Avenue in Greensboro, Union Coffee Co. is a third-wave coffee shop, one of the first of its kind in the city. Third-wave coffee shops are able to trace back the location of the beans and focus on quality of flavor in each roast.

Behind each cup, there is a story of the process of how it got there. Being a third-wave coffee shop allows Union Coffee Co. to often know these stories.

"You get actual, personal stories that come along with the coffee, and oftentimes, you get to know the name of the farmers or the name of the farm," Davidson said.



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Cofounder Spencer Loman brews coffee behind the counter at Union Coffee Co.

Customers are welcome to ask about these stories as well as interact with the baristas and other customers. The cafe follows an open floor plan, with couches and bar stools set together to foster a community-focused environment.

Neutral colors and simplistic decor complement the calm atmosphere. Classic coffee shop music plays in the background — a cherry on top for the picturesque space.

"We really wanted to be a space that people would already come to because if people feel comfortable in the space, then it gives you a bigger opportunity to impact people's lives," Davidson said.

The company seeks to ultimately create an environment that cultivates relationships over coffee so customers may take that positivity with them into the city.

"I think of coffee as a bridge. I don't think of coffee as the end goal. I just think of it as a bridge

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for connecting with people," Davidson said. "Ultimately, if you can connect with people, then you can connect with the city, and everyone can kind of grow together."

SPORTS

SCHRAGE | from cover

Having dedicated his entire professional life to college basketball, Schrage's career has brought him through four of Division I's "Power Five" conferences. In addition to stints at some of the sport's most iconic programs, his resume is stacked with a litany of postseason appearances.

Most recently, he spent two years as an assistant coach at Ohio State University, where the Buckeyes made two trips to the national tournament. Schrage was an assistant at Butler University for the season before that as part of a team that reached the Sweet 16. And an eight-year stretch as an assistant coach at Stanford University saw the Cardinals make five postseason appearances and send four players to the NBA.

Now, Schrage is arriving at a program in need of a boost. During the 10-year tenure of previous coach Matt Matheny, the Phoenix only finished with a winning record three times. A jump from the Southern Conference in 2014 brought a bump in the caliber of competition, and the team is still struggling to establish itself as a legitimate contender in its new league.

This past fall, the Phoenix made the move into Schar Center, but its performance wasn't as flashy as its new digs. The team finished under .500 for the third time in four years. Despite the lackluster showing on the court, Elon has been using the sparkling new arena, which seats more than 5,000, as a recruiting tool. And it's a tool that worked on Schrage.

Elon University women's lacrosse (3-8) defeated the Drexel University Dragons (5-6) 13-11 in its first in-conference matchup Friday, April 5, at Rudd Field.

This win snapped Elon's seven-game losing streak that started with the Feb. 23 loss at Liberty University.

Freshman attacker Kaley Thompson scored a double hat trick (6 goals) in just the first half of her Colonial Athletic Association debut. Not only did this mark a career high for Thompson, but it also marked the most goals scored by any player in a single game this season and tied for the second most in school history.

"It really boosts my confidence, and it's great to be able to produce for my team like that and help us be successful. It's really putting us forward for the CAA," Thompson said.

She shot two goals in the first two minutes to open the scoring for the Phoenix. Elon would continue the scoring onslaught by going on a 5-1 run, and in only 11 minutes into the game, the Phoenix secured a commanding 7-1 lead.

But the Dragons battled back.

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HEAD COACH

SCHRAGE BY THE NUMBERS

25+

is the number of years of experience Schrage has in collegiate coaching.

6

is the number of different collegiate programs Schrage has worked at, including Duke, Ohio State and Butler.



New Elon University men's basketball head coach Mike Schrage speaks to a crowd at an introductory press conference in Schar Center on Monday, April 8.

"This is a big-time arena," Schrage said. "I've been to some big-time places, and when I came here for my visit, I was blown away."

Blank said Schar Center helped him woo potential coaches during his search.

"When you bring someone in here that sees it for the first time, there's a wow factor," Blank said. "I've had people tell me we have a better facility and a practice facility that rival NBA facilities."

Help as it may with luring

coaches and recruits, Schar Center and its teams have struggled to attract students and fans. Since upgrading from the much smaller Alumni Gym, a few thousand extra seats look glaringly empty on nights with low turnout. But Schrage has a message for students.

"They should come out and support no matter what," Schrage said. "And that's going to help us win. That's what they have to realize. Winning also comes from them showing up and creating that home environment for us."

Schrage's praise extended beyond the arena. The new head coach said he was happy to be back in the land of Bojangle's and Cook-out and also expressed his affinity for Elon as an institution.

"I'm so impressed with President Book's vision, and I've always been around coaches and programs that have vision," Schrage said. "So that's what attracted me on top of everything else about this place. I want to have that vision for basketball and help the university any way I can."

Women's lacrosse rallies to defeat Drexel at home

Career-high performance from freshman helps snap team's losing streak

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With the leadership of their leading goal scorer Colleen Grady, the Drexel offense were able to go on a couple runs to cut down Elon's lead. Grady, the reigning CAA Rookie of the Year, scored two goals on red-shirt-sophomore goalie Paulina DiFatta. At halftime, the score was 9-6 in favor of the Phoenix.

"I think the way we came out in the first half was just amazing. The girls were connected — it felt really good. Goals were coming easy, and we lost focus," said head coach Josh Hexter.

After a blazing hot start by the Phoenix, their offensive production was slowed to a halt at the start of the second half due to a change in defense by the Dragons. Junior defender Rachel Warden was tasked with locking off Thompson, not allowing the game's leading scorer to touch the ball.

The lock-off strategy proved to be incredibly effective. Without Thompson, the Phoenix offense sputtered, committing turnover after turnover. This failure on the offensive side allowed Drexel to close the gap, and with just under 17 minutes remaining in the game, the score was tied at nine goals apiece.

Tragedy struck the Phoenix when sophomore attacker Mae McGlynn went down with an injury after accidentally colliding with Thompson. Without its top two scorers, the Phoenix could no longer rely on individual drives towards the goal. Instead the Phoenix opted for a pass-heavy attack, and



Elon University lacrosse players celebrate a goal against Duke University on Sunday, March 3. The Phoenix eventually fell to the Blue Devils 18-5.

after having no assists in the first half, the offense scored three times on passes inside.

With under two minutes to play, the Phoenix held a slim one-point lead over the Dragons. Junior attacker Cami Lynch received a pass on the far left side of the goal and saw space in the middle. Without hesitation, Lynch made a move

and burst towards the goal, leaving her defender behind her. She then pulled the stick across her body and fired a rocket of a shot into the left side of the goal. This clinching point gave the Phoenix a 13-11 lead that they would maintain until the end.

Hexter was proud of his team's performance and credited the

team's chemistry, which has grown tremendously since the beginning of the year.

"I think they're more connected out there now. There are so many freshmen and so many sophomores, and now after all this time together, they have made better connections together," Hexter said. "They finally have gelled together."

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