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Bill Clinton to visit Elon

Former President to stop on campus for 30-minute campaign speech

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Former President Bill Clinton is scheduled to visit campus Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. He will be making a stop at Elon on behalf of his wife, presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.).

The event will be held on the lawn in front of Alamance Building and Fonville Fountain. An announcement made Monday on Hillary Clinton's Web site confirmed the engagement.

Bill Clinton is expected to speak for 30 minutes, beginning about 3:45 p.m. The Elon class schedule will not be altered to accommodate for Clinton's speech, but many professors are expected to alter their class times to allow students to attend the event.

Clinton's visit is titled, "Solutions for America with President Bill Clinton in Elon!" and is hosted by North Carolina For Hillary.

"I think it's very exciting to have President Clinton on campus and for the Elon community to be part of the political process," said Steven House, dean of Elon College.

Preparations for Clinton's visit

At press time, several Elon administrators were trying to arrange the opportunity for Clinton to meet President Leo Lambert and several students before he makes his speech.

Special security measures are planned to keep the former president and the public safe. There will be bike-rack barriers to restrict pedestrian movement, as well as limited vehicular traffic on Haggard Avenue.

Secret service officials will be combing the area around Alamance, Duke, Carlton and Powell, and may direct pedestrian traffic outside the perimeter of the four buildings.

Crews arrived early today to begin setting up a stage and sound system for the event.

Daniel Shutt, president of the College Democrats, said he's looking forward to helping out with Clinton's visit.



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President Bill Clinton stands with Hillary Clinton during their stop at Elon College in 1992. More photos from Clinton's earlier visit can be found on The Pendulum Web site.

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"[The College Democrats] are just absolutely thrilled to have President Clinton come," Shutt said. "No matter who any Democrat is supporting in the race, it's always exciting to have someone of his stature coming to Elon."

This stop is one of many scheduled for Clinton in North Carolina in preparation for the May 6 primary. It will be his fifth stop in the state on behalf of his wife's campaign.

While in the Tar Heel State, he will also stop in Hillsborough, Asheboro, Thomasville and Statesville. All events are free, open to the public and do not require a ticket.

"I think it will be an exciting event for students, faculty and staff to see a former president," said Dan

Anderson, director of University Relations. "It's a historic occasion that has only happened a few times in the university's history."

At an event Bill Clinton spoke at last week that was part of the "Solutions for America with President Bill Clinton" tour, he touched on Hillary Clinton's plans for health care, her ideas on energy efficiency and her plans for the American economy.

Clinton's visit in 1992

This will be Bill Clinton's second visit to the Alamance front lawn. He first came to Elon in October 1992 with Vice President Al Gore when he was running for president. His visit fell 15 days before the general election, when he would defeat incumbents George H. W. Bush and Dan Quayle. At the time, he was accompanied by Hillary and was greeted by a crowd of more than 3,700.

Though Clinton and Gore were two hours late to the event, the crowd was still energetic at their arrival, The Pendulum reported.

Age, race and gender make no difference to N.C. voters

Olivia Hubert-Allen
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A majority of North Carolinians say that age, race and gender would make no difference in how they vote for a presidential candidate, according to Elon Poll results released Friday.

But nearly half of those polled said that they knew somebody who would not vote for a candidate because of age, race or gender.

The findings come three weeks before the North Carolina presidential primary, which will be held May 6.

Age, race and gender have been at the center of a media storm surrounding the three presidential hopefuls.

If elected, Sen. Barack Obama would become the first black president, Sen. Hillary Clinton would become the first female president and Sen. John McCain would become the oldest person ever elected to a first term.

"People said that overall, for the most part, it wouldn't make a difference for gender or race," said Hunter Bacot, director of the Elon Poll. "Age was the only place where you saw some movement. We see people's evaluation of age as more of a quality than gender or race."

Ninety-one percent of respondents said that race makes no difference in how they vote.

Seventy-nine percent said that a candidate's gender would not influence their vote and 66 percent said they do not factor age into their decisions.

"Age is going to be a quality that McCain is going to have to overcome," Bacot said. "He's going to have to be vibrant and youthful in his appearance and his approach to things."

Though respondents claimed that age, race and gender would make little difference to them, many reported that they knew people who were influenced by the demographics.

"When you ask people a question about a sensitive subject they tend to gravitate to a nonintimidating answer," Bacot said.

When people are asked about others that they know, they may feel more comfortable to give a less socially accepted response.

The poll also asked participants to rate the level of influence that certain qualities would have on his or her evaluation of political candidates.

The most influential qualities were overall experience, personality and exaggerated statements.

The least influential qualities were race, where the candidate is from and gender.

Telephone interviews for the poll were completed with 543 adults from households in North Carolina on April 14-27. The sample is of the population in general and does not restrict respondents by their voter eligibility or likelihood of voting.

The results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 4.3 percentage points.

Man punches, shatters window at Acorn

Ashley Barnas
News Editor

At about 11 p.m. Saturday, a 24-year-old white male punched a window in Acorn Coffee Shop, shattering it.

Linell Brand, a cashier at Acorn, was not present for the incident, but was told by those who were there that the suspect, Desmond Thomas Herbert, walked out of Cantina Roble and down the walkway toward Elon Community Church.

He turned back around and punched the window, nearly falling through.

The suspect sustained cuts on his arm but refused medical treatment.

Herbert is not an Elon resident and has no

affiliation to Elon or Acorn.

Officer Anthony Blake Tillotson was the police officer on the scene.

The case status is closed and the suspect was charged on citation for damage to real property, general statute 14-127.

Sheri Wall, work order clerk of the physical plant, said the window would be replaced as soon as it arrived.

"I feel that they do this quite often and it should be done pretty promptly," Wall said.

The window was being replaced around 9:40 a.m. Tuesday by Anthony Reavis of Matkins Glass.

Acorn was open for business with the work area blocked off by chairs.



SAMI LEONARD | Photographer

Members of Physical Plant came to clean up the shattered glass from Acorn's front window at about midnight. The window was boarded up over the weekend and replaced on Tuesday morning.

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Students organize peaceful protest

Group refuses to have its voice ignored on orientation day

Andie Diemer
News Editor

In an effort to draw attention to the fact that Elon apparel may have ties to unfair labor practices around the world, several students in the Students for Peace and Justice organization staged a banner drop at Alamance and a sit-in at Moseley Center at noon on Friday.

For more than five years, Students for Peace and Justice has been working to get the administration to join the Workers Rights Consortium (WRC), a non-profit organization that monitors apparel factories around the world.

Even though Elon orders its apparel through Barnes & Noble, which says it does not use sweatshop labor, senior SfPJ member Evan Webb said it is typical for corporations to claim to not have any knowledge of their workers' conditions in order to protect their liability.

"It is the nature of the apparel industry to go to countries with lax labor laws and set up quasi-legal factories where there is still mistreatment of workers," Webb said. "There is no way of knowing how clothes are made."

The WRC would not guarantee that Elon clothes aren't coming from there, and that is what SfPJ is striving for: the assurance.

The group hung the banner by crawling out of third story windows in Alamance without permission from the administration, where it stayed for 90 minutes before being removed.

SfPJ said the fact that the banner being strung up on orientation day, at noon when all the tours were beginning, was not a coincidence.

Martina Dent, SfPJ president, said she has been talking to the head of the campus shop and is happy that a dialog has opened up.

"I feel as though we were successful in getting the issue on people's minds, and at getting the attention of the administration," Dent said. "We are hoping to get the message across that we care about the issue of sweatshops, workers' rights and human rights, and we hope that the university will do everything in its power to at least eliminate any potential use of sweatshops by our campus."

COMMUNITY REACTION

To see a video of community reactions to the protest, please visit our Web site at www.elon.edu/pendulum



ANDIE DIEMER | Photographer



ABOVE: Members of SfPJ protest the apparel sold in the Campus Shop. They were urging both current and future students to avoid buying materials there until Elon administration agreed to join the Workers Rights Consortium.

LEFT: The banner was released at noon, as new students and their parents gathered in front of Moseley for a tour.

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Members of SfPJ climbed out the third story windows onto Alamance's balcony to have their statements heard.



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Former senator speaks on cracking atom of civic power

Caroline Matthews
Design Editor

Former Pennsylvania Sen. Harris L. Wofford believes in military action and atomic power.

A founding father of the Peace Corps and senator who advocated both universal health care and unified American community service, Wofford explained himself to a crowd Thursday in Whitley Auditorium as part of the James P. Elder lecture series.

Wofford compared civic power to the atom. A single force of American unity that must be cracked to produce positive energy.

In the past, particularly during World War II, Americans unified to better their nation as a whole, he said.

"There was a 'can-do' spirit where people were generous and mobilized all of their resources to get something done," he said. "It wasn't just women working in the factories. It was every boy that I knew with early birthdays who graduated early wanting to serve."

The spirit war emphasized national unity and worked for a common good in times of destruction and peril.

Citizen service, Wofford said, should be a common experience and expectation for every American citizen.

He applauded the university for its resounding effort in making civil education a central focus of its curriculum.

The audience was comprised of a majority of older community members, including nine Elon alumni who were students from 1963 to 1973 — the man whom the lecture series is named after — prior to his retirement, and the newly inducted Periclean Scholars class of 2011 was also present.

Elon is one of the founding colleges of Project Pericles, a non-profit organization that Wofford calls a fleet of social inventors. The

program encourages and facilitates education for social responsibility and participatory citizenship.

"Service is part of who I am," sophomore Periclean Scholar Megan Prilutski said. "Without service, I would be lost. It keeps me grounded and in touch with the world around me and that, more than anything else, is the reason I believe that everyone should take part in service."

But Prilutski disagreed with Wofford's idea that every American should be involved in service. No one, she said, should be forced into service because some may enter with the wrong mindset.

Wofford wasn't always a crusader for service. In fact, while stationed in Dallas County, Ala., he completely disregarded the civil injustices experienced by the blacks of the area.

Although Wofford was ready to serve his country abroad, he admitted that he was never curious enough to visit the black community that was two-thirds of the population of the county and aid the civil rights effort at home.

The civil service fever struck Wofford during a trip to India. He watched Gandhi crack the atom of people power, solve higher problems within the community and break down the barriers set by the Indian government.

When someone asked Wofford what he was doing about black injustices in the States, Wofford had no reply.

He returned to the United States with a new mindset and mission: confront segregation headfirst and aid the civil rights movement.

He advised the presidential campaign of John F. Kennedy and was later appointed as his civil rights adviser.

"When Rosa Parks said 'no' and MLK said 'yes,' it was a beginning of a decade of sharing a message of equality to the world that ended too soon," Wofford said.



HEATHER MACDONALD | Photographer

Sen. Harris L. Wofford applauded Elon for its commitment to civic responsibility at his speech Thursday in Whitley Auditorium.

Wofford called for a new leader, similar to Gandhi, who would take the quantum leap and support the search for a common ground. That common ground, he said, is civic action.

"I feel like we badly need a president who meets the needs like our founding presidents, like Lincoln, too," he said.

First a lawyer, then an aide to one of the most famous American presidents, Wofford worked alongside R. Sargent Shriver to develop an organization that would diminish the stereotype of the "ugly American" in the post-Cold War period and would put the United States back on the same track of the Marshall Plan.

The two developed the Peace Corps, an organization fueled by college students that skyrocketed from 16,000 participants in its first year to one million per decade.

"The Vietnam War, however, pulled

the rug out from under the Peace Corps," Wofford said. "It became a missed opportunity that fell to only 8,000 [members]. There were crucial parts of the world left that we needed to understand."

Wofford said he thinks that if Vietnam didn't happen, the efforts of the Peace Corps would have exploded into an evolution of cultural understanding.

The injustices that Muslim Americans felt post-Sept. 11 would have never happened and there would be a broader understanding of the Middle East by the American people.

"We can all be social inventors, large or small," Wofford said. "I want help from the students here who go forth in the world, especially a place like Elon — a place that puts service into academia."

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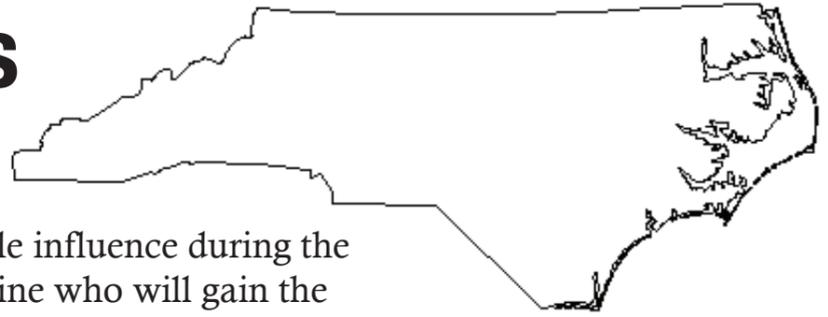
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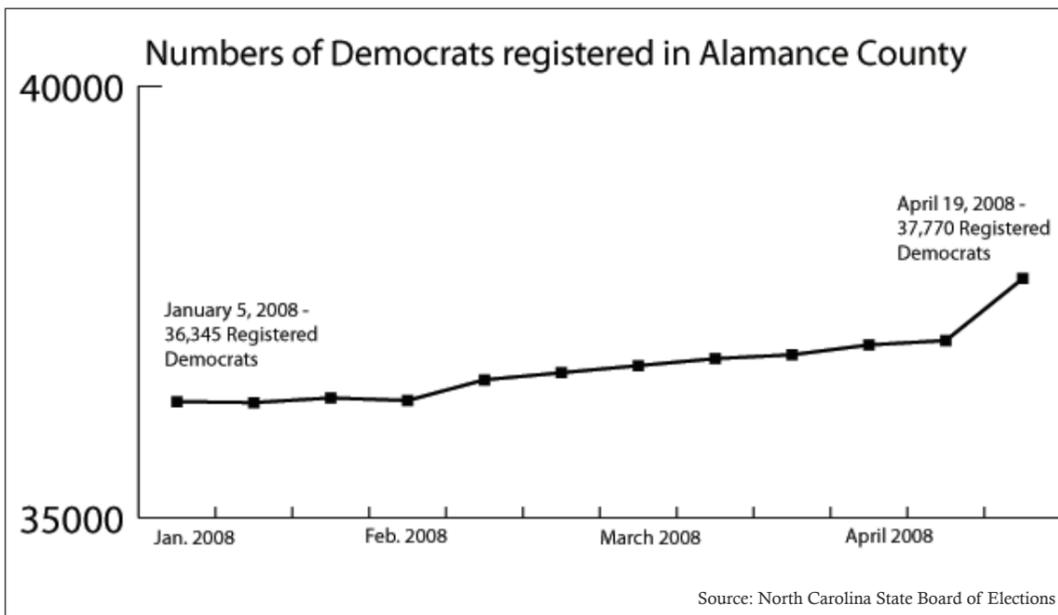


North Carolina Dems take center stage



The state that has grown accustomed to having little influence during the presidential primaries is now slated to help determine who will gain the Democratic nomination. All eyes are on North Carolina now that it is one of the last states standing between Clinton, Obama and the Democratic Convention. The citizens of the state go to the polls on May 6.

Information compiled and graphics by Olivia Hubert-Allen



Growing Numbers

The hot race between Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton have prompted many Democrats to register throughout the state. Alamance County has seen 1,425 register since January. More are expected to register at early voting stations, where citizens can register to vote and cast their ballot on the same day. Statewide, in both parties, there have been more than 110,000 new voters registered.

Still want to vote?

Haven't registered but still want to vote? There are three one-stop voting sites in Alamance County where citizens can register and vote on the same day.

May Memorial Library
 April 29 - May 3, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

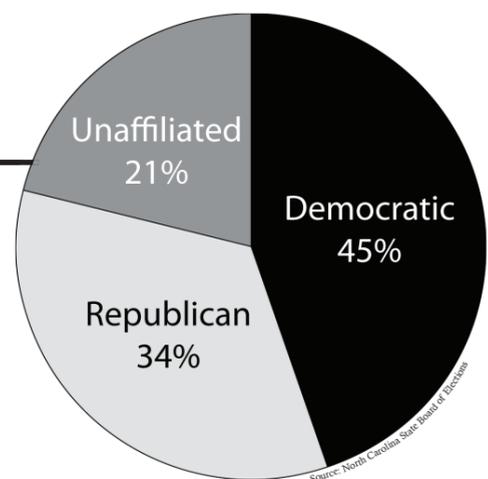
Mebane Library
 April 29 - May 3, Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Youth Service Building: 201 W. Elm St., Graham
 April 17 - May 3, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A Diverse State

North Carolina has traditionally elected Republican presidential candidates and Democratic state governors. The 21 percent of unaffiliated voters provide a large margin of flexibility in which party will accumulate the most support.

Party affiliation in North Carolina



Elon poll reveals high tolerance of diversity among N.C. voters

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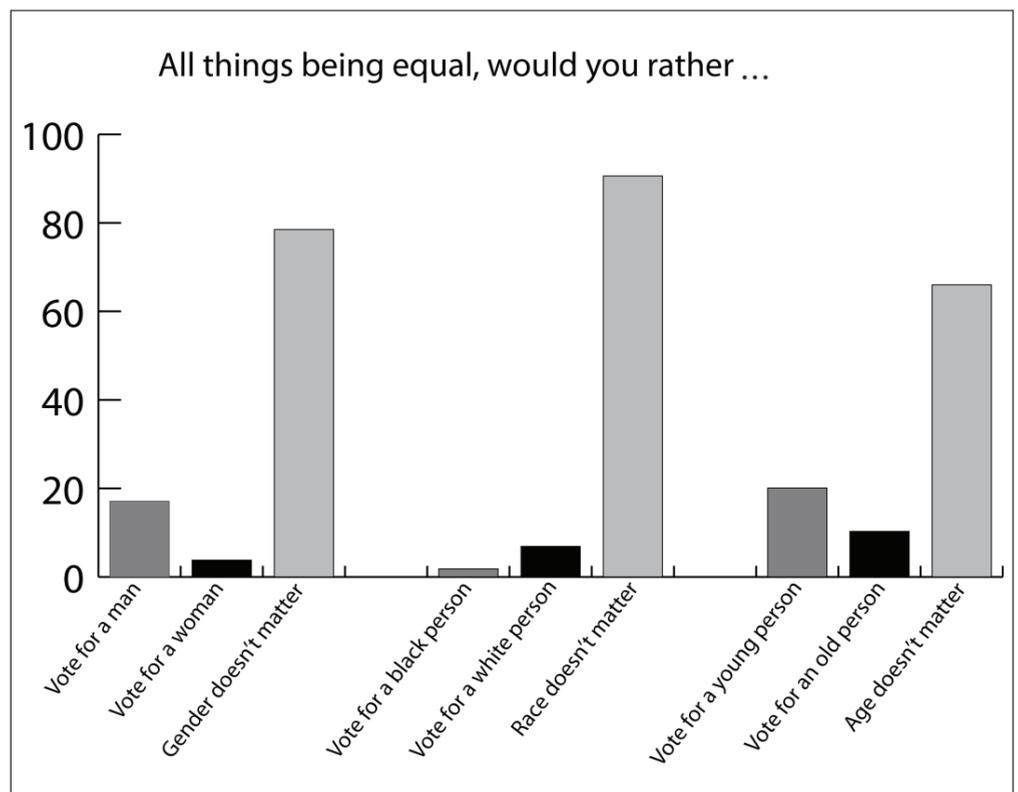
Elon poll results, released last Friday, indicate that North Carolina voters do not vote according to a candidate's gender, race or age, but that they do know someone who would do so. The N.C. primary election takes place on May 6.

Elon Poll by the numbers

54 percent of respondents said that they knew someone who would not vote for a presidential candidate who is black.

63 percent said they knew someone who would not vote for a presidential candidate who is a woman.

44 percent said they knew someone who would not vote for a presidential candidate who is too old.



OLIVIA HUBERT-ALLEN | Graphic

Students witness oppression in Tunnel

Laura Wainman
Reporter

Many Elon students were given the opportunity to experience the harsh reality of oppression firsthand on April 17 at DEEP's second annual Tunnel of Oppression event.

The organization leadership of DEEP, Diversity Emergence Education Program, was so pleased with last year's success that it decided to make the event annual.

This year's program was expanded upon because of the suggestions given by students, faculty and staff who participated last year.

Joy Baxter, DEEP's president, said the goals for the event were to educate students about the ways oppression is still visible in today's society, but without lecturing students on the topic.

"Instead, we want students to personally experience oppression,

which is why we created simulations of what may be a real life experience for someone else," Baxter said. "DEEP believes this is a more effective way for students to connect to this important topic, so that they can react appropriately if put in an oppressive situation in real life."

Three Greek houses were used for the Tunnel of Oppression that students traveled through. Each house was designed to represent a different form of oppression still prevalent in society: racial, sexual orientation and socioeconomic class oppression.

Students participated in various scenarios in the houses that made them firsthand victims of oppression. The participants had tour guides and facilitators to guide them through the houses.

The tour concluded with a debriefing session in a fourth Greek house, during which students could discuss their experience with one

another, as well as with Baxter and faculty adviser Brian Collins.

This allowed the participants to not only share what they had learned, but have a conversation regarding oppression in America today, and what students can do to help prevent further instances of oppression.

"I really hope that students that participated in the Tunnel of Oppression are a little more aware of the life circumstances of others, and how differences in people can translate into oppressive situations if you are not aware of your actions," Baxter said. "Oppression is not always blatant, but can occur every day based on our preconceived ideas about people."

"While I already knew of the existence of oppression based upon race/ethnicity, sexual orientation and socioeconomic status. The simulations gave me the opportunity to experience these types of discrimination myself," junior Alison Welch said. "In order

to overcome oppression, we must be able to understand the extent to which others are treated differently, and the best way to do this is to experience this treatment firsthand."

Baxter was very pleased with the success of the event and said she felt that the students who participated seemed to grasp the underlying message of the evening.

She said that she would have liked to have seen more students participate, but said she hopes that as more people are made aware of the occurrence of the Tunnel of Oppression event, more students, faculty and staff will come out and support DEEP and the event.

"We got some more good suggestions from students, so I am ready to go back to the drawing book and do this event again," Baxter said. "I hope next year to see even more Elon students at the Tunnel of Oppression."



BY ASHLEY BARNAS | Photographer

Amanda Kuss goes through a mock interview to get a job. Participants are discriminated against based on the name on their foreheads.

House of Racial Oppression

Who: Black Cultural Society (BCS)
Where: Kappa Sigma house

Students were given a nametag with an ethnic name written on it and instructed not to look at it. They put the sticker on their foreheads or the back of their shirts.

The mission of the house was for them to successfully obtain a job, get a loan from the bank, make it through the airport and buy goods at the store. But students found that the members of the BCS running these places pre-judged them based on the ethnicity of their names to demonstrate the effects of racial oppression.

For example, one participant with a Middle Eastern name was asked to go through security twice at the airport. He even had to remove his shoes so security could check that he wasn't carrying any bombs with him. Many students remarked that even though they knew it was only pretend, the way they were judged and mistreated angered them.



BY ASHLEY BARNAS | Photographer

Caleb Tabor acts as a preacher fervently spreading the word that God will punish gay people.

House of Sexual Orientation Oppression

Who: Spectrum (Elon's Gay-Straight Alliance)
Where: Alpha Xi Delta house

The inside of this house was set up to model a church, with members of Spectrum holding anti-gay signs. Henry Tabor, the co-chair of Spectrum, was dressed as a southern preacher and holding the Bible. He gave a sermon nearly 20 minutes long about how God hated gay people. The message was meant to show how members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community are oppressed by religion.

"I think Spectrum's performance was the most effective because Caleb's sermon really emotionalized the situation for me," participant Alison Welch said.



BY ASHLEY BARNAS | Photographer

Participants stand on lines based on their socioeconomic status, moving forward and backward depending on the situation being presented to them by members of the MSC.

House of Socioeconomic Oppression

Who: Multicultural Student Council (MSC)
Where: Alpha Omicron Pi house

Participants were given a laminated card upon entering the house and were told that this card contained all the information they would need to know about their new identity.

The card told them their gender, ethnicity, education level, marital status, sexual orientation, job, number of children, annual income and whether or not they owned a car and had health insurance. The students were directed to stand on the line in the room that corresponded to their yearly income.

As members of the MSC read off various situations, the students moved up or down the socioeconomic hierarchy based on their identity card. The end result was a significantly large gap between the top part of the chain and the lower. This represented the socioeconomic barriers placed on different members of society.

Girls learn to fight back in self-defense session

Melanie Burliss
Reporter

Before she taught about 1,000 women her self-defense technique, shamelessly titled "bad ass ballet," last week, Erin Weed told them a story about her friend Shannon McNamara. McNamara is the reason Weed travels the country in hopes of saving the lives of women.

It was 5 a.m. on June 12, 2001 when the door to Shannon McNamara's Charleston, Ill., apartment shook from a man trying to get in.

McNamara lay sound asleep, not aware of the violence that was to occur in just one hour.

The bent credit card was of no use to the perpetrator who tried time and time again to unlock the door — she had locked the dead bolt before going to bed.

The man slunk back to his home across the street and retrieved a box cutter. He returned to Shannon's apartment 10 minutes later, this time at her window. He sliced a hole in the screen and made his way in.

Until then, Shannon had no idea that someone was trying to force his way in, but it was nearly 6 a.m., and she had just woken up to prepare for work.

That's when he attacked her. Shannon fought back. They were fighting so aggressively that they knocked over lamps. Tables and chairs clamored together and glass broke as the pair wrestled through her apartment.

From what police know, McNamara was screaming, kicking, scratching and biting — doing anything to get away.

Neighbors heard the ruckus, but overlooked it as an escapade of more drunken students in a college town.

High stakes revealed

It was the end of a work day for television producer Erin Weed, when she came home to her New York City apartment to hear her phone ringing. She scuttled inside and picked up the phone.

Nothing could have prepared her for what her friend said.

"Shannon McNamara was murdered last night."

Erin dropped the phone.

She flipped through a journal that her friends had given her when she graduated college. There was a note from McNamara to Weed in the journal that gave her the desire to teach women to be their own protector.

"I will never forget you," McNamara wrote to Weed.

In return, Weed promised to tell Shannon's story and prevent it from happening to other young women across the country.

"I wanted to return the favor and not forget her," Weed said. "As she stayed 21 forever."

In the wake of losing a best friend from college, Weed vowed to empower women and teach them how to defend themselves in an attack.

Helping girls fight back

Weed has spoken to nearly 300 campuses across the country since beginning the "Girls Fight Back" program in 2001 after Shannon's death.

"I will send you out into the world knowing how to open up a can of whoop ass!" Weed said to an audience in Alumni Gym April 15.

One in four college women will be a victim of sexual assault during her academic career. Therefore, Weed's program is of great value to all college women.

Weed's "Girls Fight Back" program is motivational, informative and interactive. She teaches young women to trust their intuition, how to be a "bad" victim and gives them various self-defense techniques. Perhaps the concern for

"There's nothing more dangerous than a pissed off woman."

-Erin Weed, Girls Fight Back

the number of burglaries and assaults on Elon's campus in the past months is what caused the audience to listen so intently. The women in Alumni Gym were silent, aside from the occasional laughter, as they took in every word of Weed's presentation.

"There's nothing more dangerous than a pissed off woman," she said as she began to teach her series of self-defense moves.

Weed begins the "bad ass ballet" with a strong stance, holding her hands up in front of her and repeating the words, "Stop. Leave me alone.

I don't want any problems." Although a legitimate response to an attack, this again, set off laughter throughout the audience.

For more on Erin Weed and Girls Fight Back, visit www.gfb.org.

Safety tips for women

Weed explained that there are three things a woman needs to do to defend herself properly:

First, mentally ask where the attacker is vulnerable. Usually, the groin area, shins, neck, spine, nose or stomach.

Then, find out where you are strong. Your elbows, knees, palms, fists and even head are strong areas to fight back with, according to Weed.

Finally, add force to where the attacker is vulnerable from where you are strong.

Weed continued her program describing home security techniques and various household items that can be used as weapons.

Sexual assault is the most under-reported violent crime in the United States. Seventy-four percent of perpetrators and 55 percent of victims had been drinking alcohol prior to incidents.

This is part of the reason why Weed travels to college campuses. Young women

simply do not know these facts, she said, nor do they know the outcome until they are kneeling at the edge of their friend's casket, like

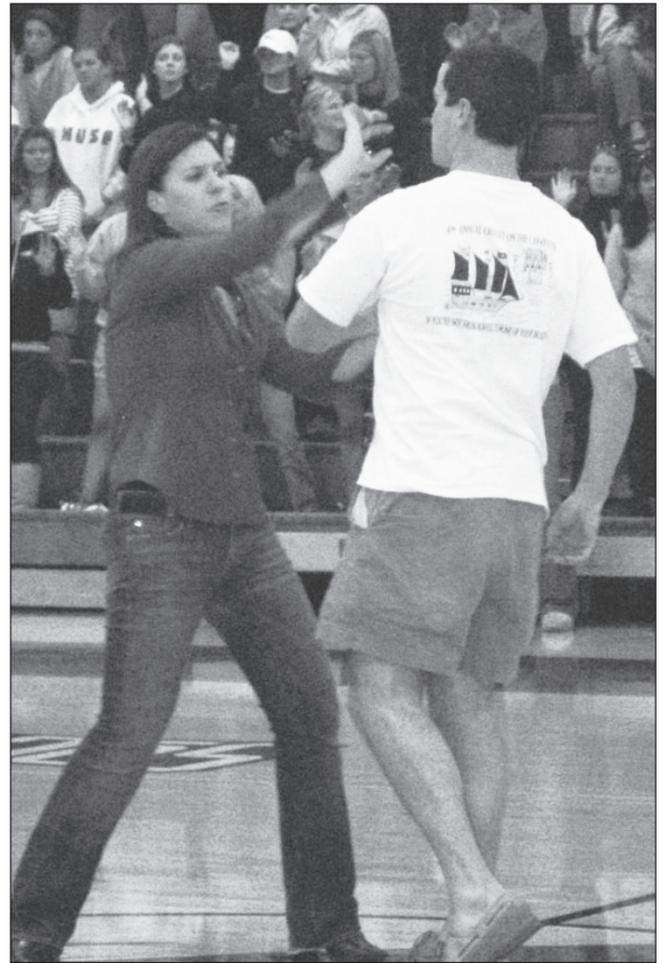
Weed by McNamara's side.

"My eyes were opened to a new kind of violence that I thought didn't exist," Weed said. "I saw what violence does to a woman."

The audience was full of praise for Weed and the self-defense program.

"I think this program was very beneficial," freshman Jessica Burzotta said. "I feel like I could beat anyone up."

In conclusion to the Girls Fight Back program, Weed urged the women to be their own protector and to "be safe and be strong."



MELANIE BURLISS | Photographer

Erin Weed, who created the "Girls Fight Back" program seven years ago, shared personal safety tips with a crowd of female students April 15 in Alumni Gym.

SAFETY TIPS FROM ERIN WEED

Home Security Tips

- Ask your landlord to change the locks if you know they haven't been changed in a while.
- Make sure windows are secure.
- Use a door stopper with a built-in alarm.
- Set up an alarm system.

Household Weapons

- Spitfire Pepper Spray
- Keys held in palm of hand
- Cell phone held in palm of hand
- Hair brush
- A pen
- Remote control held in palm
- High-heeled shoe

Donation drive proves little things weigh a lot: 389 pounds



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Senior Samantha Tremblay's campaign received 389 pounds of toiletry donations.

Debbie Silverstein
Reporter

Three hundred and eighty-nine pounds later, the Little Things Mean a Lot drive has come to an end.

Senior Samantha Tremblay will soon donate all 389 pounds of toiletries she collected to organizations in the Burlington area, including the Red Cross, Allied Churches, Residential Treatment Services and Family Abuse Services.

Tremblay is the founder of the organization Little Things Mean a Lot, which she began her freshman year of high school and has continued throughout her four years at Elon.

Tremblay's high school required volunteer hours, but she said she wasn't too excited about the usual options of community service work.

"I wanted a new idea," she said.

She took the volunteer project one step further by starting her own organization to collect toiletries for people in need.

Once she started, she couldn't stop.

"When I donated, all of the organizations and people were so grateful," Tremblay said. "I had to donate to them again."

And she kept donating her way through college.

Before the drive at Elon, her previous campaign included 10 local elementary schools and brought in about 600 pounds.

Tremblay decided to seek a similar goal for the Elon drive. Although she didn't reach the goal, she said she knows that every amount helps.

The drive began on March 31, the day Elon students returned from Spring Break.

Tremblay said she picked the week in hopes that students would get involved by bringing toiletries back from home or vacation.

All sorts of toiletries would be accepted, Tremblay said.

Anything from travel sizes taken from hotel rooms, to full bottles bought at a drug store.

This was the first college drive for Tremblay and her organization.

"We really had to get out there," she said referring to the fliers posted across campus.

For Tremblay, this was the biggest scale drive yet. Tremblay is always looking for donations because the costs to run a drive like this are high.

There are all the things people don't think about that cost money, Tremblay said, like postage, gas and printing.

"Just the copies for all the fliers cost over \$600," Tremblay said.

After getting the word out, she then had to make sure the students would follow through.

"The toughest thing was to get people aware enough so that they remember to help out over break by bringing things back," she said.

Although this may have been the last of many campaigns Tremblay has organized during her career as a student, she said she's not done yet.

The senior has interviewed for future jobs and actually discussed starting drives in the workplace.

Employers like the idea, she said. They are actually willing to put collection boxes in the office and help her continue to help others.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Lumen Scholars announced

Fifteen sophomores were named 2008 Lumen Scholars last week. This is the first year of the Lumen Prize, a \$15,000 award honoring the academic successes and supporting the future research projects of the recipients.

The 15 winners include Ryan Bleam, Amanda Brown, Margeaux Corby, Andrea Dorrow, Cynthia Goodson, Amelia Helms, Jonathan Mahlandt, Katherine Meyer, Amanda Morrissey, Nichole Rawlings, Kristine Silvestri, Christopher Staskel, Katharine Strickland, Lauren Taylor and Hannah Williams.

Wellness program open house

In celebration of the Wellness Program moving to a new office to better serve the campus, the Elon community is invited to an open house on Wednesday, April 30 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The new location is 412 W. Haggard Ave., in front of the Arts West building. Chair massages, blood pressure checks, food and a drawing will be provided.

Elon hosts Earth Week

Elon's Green Team and Sierra Club are working together this week to celebrate Earth Week for the first time on Elon's campus.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, the Colonnades Lawn will host a farmers market with produce samples from local farmers.

An event called "Landfill on the Lawn" will take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday on Moseley Center's West Lawn, to demonstrate the amount of unrecycled trash on campus.

The Earthfest Concert will be held at 8 p.m. Friday next to Koury Gymnasium. Musicians include The War, World Percussion Ensemble, Spotlight Effect and Kenny Huffman.

RecycleMania 2008 final results

The final results of RecycleMania 2008 reveal a total of 53.92 tons of recycled material. Elon's per capita total was 16.1 pounds.

The total amount of recycled paper/aluminum/glass was 26,300 pounds, and the total for cardboard was 48,160 pounds.

Elon placed 89th out of 200 colleges and universities, and first in the Southern Conference category. Elon placed second in North Carolina schools for its per capita total.

Corrections:

ZipTouch winner

In an April 16 news article titled, "ZipTouch leaves Chlsey McElwee standing," The Pendulum incorrectly stated that the winner of Zip Car, Chelsey McElwee, represented Alpha Chi Omega. She is, instead, a member of Alpha Phi Omega.

Eleuteri wins first place, \$1,000 in annual Jefferson Essay Contest

Ashley Barnas
News Editor

At the 12th annual Philip L. Carret Endowment Thomas Jefferson Essay Contest, "a historically paper" written by senior Lauren Maria Eleuteri won the \$1,000 first prize. Being a history major helped Eleuteri a lot, she said, "I had a lot of practice writing history papers."

Her senior seminar class is focused on gender and sexuality, and American history is her favorite concentration, so the essay topic was especially appealing to her.

This year's topic was focused on how women defined their roles during the Jeffersonian era.

It was Eleuteri's first time to enter the competition, but may not have done so if it weren't for her friends' reminders and encouragement. Her essay was titled "Patriots in the Kitchen: The Role of Republican Motherhood in Jeffersonian America."

"I'm just excited and grateful to my history professors," she said. "Especially Dr. [Charles] Irons because he's helped me develop into a better historian and a better person."

Of the seven students who entered the contest, three left with a money prize, but as R. Clyde Ellis told the entrants: "At some point in the conversation, you were all in first place."

Ellis was one of nine members on the essay committee.

"Every paper had its moment," he said. "Rather like a NASCAR race," where the authors were neck-in-neck until the end.

Freshman Lauren Jeanne Malkovsky won third place with her essay, "Women in Jeffersonian America: What Rights Did They Have?"

The interesting topic sparked Malkovsky's interest, which was fueled by her parents'



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Senior Lauren Maria Eleuteri hugs her professor mentor Charles Irons after learning she won the Jefferson Essay Contest.

interest in history. She was stunned when she found out she won third place.

"Honestly, I came in here tonight not expecting anything because I'm a freshman," she said. "Walking up there, my legs were jelly."

Second place was awarded to junior Olivia Hubert-Allen for her essay, "Battle Lines of the Home."

David Copeland, her media history professor, presented the award saying that as he read her essay again and again, he knew that it touched on all the most important issues that needed to be addressed in a winning essay.

Ellis charged all the participants to continue entering the competition in the years to come.

"As the British said after the Revolution: 'Come back!'" Ellis said. "And bring your friends."

Young Alumni Council to hold City Fair for juniors and seniors

Ashley Barnas
News Editor

Forty-one percent of Elon's alumni body has graduated during the last 10 years.

That number has sparked the creation of Young Alumni Council, giving Elon students a chance to give back to the university once they graduate.

This weekend, members of YAC will be visiting Elon to interact with students and to hold advisory meetings.

The council will host an event titled "City Fair" for seniors and juniors traveling to areas where alumni have chapters.

About 30 members of YAC will be here this weekend, including all the presidents and the national alumni executive board.

Lindsay Hege, assistant director of alumni relations for young alumni, said this weekend's City Fair is YAC's biggest event next to its homecoming party.

"I think the real hope is that Elon students will meet people to network, get job connections and make contacts," Hege said.

Young Alumni Council's E2 page describes it as "a sister organization to the National Alumni Executive Board."

There are 35 members on YAC, representing graduates from 1999 to 2007.

Members are spread across the country from Connecticut to Miami and out to Texas.

"There is no one on the West coast yet, which is mostly a by-product of not having many Elon alumni out there," Hege said.

Some are in law school, in graduate school and professors at other universities.

There are two Elon staff members on the council: Colin Donohue, coordinator of student media and instructor in communications, and Darris Means, assistant director of student life and leadership development for the Elon Academy. YAC formed in 2007 under the



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YAC member Kelly Robison, class of 2007 brainstorms with other alumni on the best way to keep alumni engaged with the university.

leadership of President Leo Lambert and the Elon Alumni Association.

As admissions have grown during the last 20 years, so has the number of alumni, calling for an organization to unite those most passionate about the university.

"After looking at statistics, the decision was made to form the group to make sure the university was looking after the needs of the alumni and offering assistance [to them]," Hege said.

The council members travel to campus at their own expense to attend biannual meetings.

Elon hosts the members, provides meals, holds special events and keeps them up-to-date on what the university is doing.

YAC is the only alumni board on campus with 100 percent participation rate of giving.

"They give at whatever level they

can," Hege said. More importantly, they give inordinate amounts of time.

There are 15 alumni chapters throughout the country with a new chapter opening in Los Angeles this summer.

Chapters meet multiple times a year, hold monthly conference calls and communicate and post discussions on their own Blackboard site.

If alumni live in an area with a chapter, they have the ability to be involved with that chapter through monthly happy hours, educational events, service projects, intramurals and more.

The chapter events are open to all alumni, regardless of the year they graduated. They do not have to be involved in YAC.

Hege urges graduates to get involved in their alumni chapters as soon as they graduate.

What you need to know to go

What: City Fair

When: 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 26

Where: Young Commons

Who: Seniors and juniors are invited to meet with representatives from each of the 15 different chapters of YAC. Ambitious freshmen and sophomores may attend.

Why: City Fair is meant to be an organization fair for graduates.

Alumni will be giving city guides to the students attending the City Fair.

City guides are made especially for Elon alumni by Elon alumni. They offer contact information for each area's chapter, tips for living in the area, costs of living, entertainment, places to meet people, annual events in the city, sports teams, apartment guides and more.

Refreshments will be served and a raffle drawing will be held at 3 p.m. Students must be present to win.

Raffle Items: Target gift cards, two Nationals game tickets, a free trip to homecoming next year with two nights in a hotel for four people

Advisory meetings

This weekend, the Young Alumni Council ...

- will hear an admissions report on the Class of 2012
- will discuss the Ever Elon Campaign
- will hold a roundtable discussion with President Leo Lambert on the Presidential Task Force on Alcohol Recommendations
- will attend the spring football game
- will hear about campus and YAC success updates
- will discuss membership recruitment for 2009

Blogging beyond the bubble

Sarah McGlinchey
Reporter

Every morning, Elon alumna Jen Romano prepares herself to break down British-style English grammar to university students in Paraná, Argentina.

Back in the United States, another Elon alumna, Katie Filkins, completes a service project in New York City while she awaits a call from the Peace Corps that will send her to Eastern Europe.

Elon alumni Julie Ougheltree and Rachel Copeland engage in AmeriCorps service opportunities that span wide categories such as education and disaster relief.

The thread that ties these four Elon students together is not that they are all Elon graduates, but that they are all part of a new genre of media moguls: bloggers.

These four Elon alumni have recently started sharing their post-undergraduate service experiences through blogs — online journals that detail their thoughts, feelings and discoveries.

A new interactive networking tool fostered by the Kernodle Center for Service Learning, "How An Elon Education Matters" is a Web site that provides the links to each of these blogs.

Through each of their respective blogs, 2007 graduate Romano, a Fulbright Scholar stationed in Argentina, 2008 graduate Filkins, a Peace Corps Volunteer, 2007 graduate Ougheltree, an AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps volunteer, and 2006 graduate Copeland, AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer, offer Elon students a look at a life of service after Elon.

The students, whose majors at Elon varied from human services to corporate communications, decided to embark on 10 months to two years of service before entering the work force.

"As I scrolled through pages and pages of Craig's List ads ... I couldn't help but feel deflated by it all — I couldn't fight the feeling of wanting something more, something

bigger than the entry level positions I robotically sent my resume to," Ougheltree wrote in her first blog entry.

Ougheltree, a corporate communications major at Elon with internship experience in public relations and marketing, committed to AmeriCorps NCCC with little knowledge of the program other than that it "gave me the feeling that I could be a part of something more," she wrote.

AmeriCorps NCCC is a 10-month service commitment through which volunteers work in teams of 10 to 12 to complete four service projects across the country, within four target areas including environment, education, disaster relief and un-met human needs.

Ougheltree is currently working on the disaster relief phase in Fort Pierce, Fla., where she helps install hurricane shutters for low-income families.

Romano, an education major at Elon with a passion for service and a strong desire to teach abroad, hopes to combine service and education.

In Sept. 2007, she landed a Fulbright Scholarship, and in March 2008, she left for Argentina.

She is currently assisting a university professor with English grammar and upper-level conversation courses at a university in Paraná.

"I want so much for people to recognize the aspects of life and culture that bring people together around the world rather than separate them," Romano wrote in her third blog entry. "That's why I'm so excited about teaching English as a second language."

As a Fulbright Scholar, she was offered a scholarship to teach at the university as part of an international teacher exchange program. She will also be working with an organization to complete a service project near the university.

Filkins, a human services major while at Elon and one of the first three Leaders in Collaborative Services, a group of community service leaders at the Kernodle Center, is preparing to

CHECK OUT THE BLOGS

How an Elon Education Matters home page:
http://www.elon.edu/e-web/students/service_learning/blogs.xhtml

Julie Ougheltree's (AmeriCorps NCCC) blog:
<http://elongradinservice.blogspot.com/>

Katie Filkins' (Peace Corps - Eastern Europe) blog:
<http://handofhope.blogspot.com/>

Rachel Copeland's (AmeriCorps VISTA) blog:
<http://unlockingthepotentialofchildren.blogspot.com/>

Jen Romano's (Parana, Argentina) blog:
<http://elongradblogger.blogspot.com/>

mentor a younger population in another area of the world: Eastern Europe.

The Peace Corps program is a 27-month commitment to service. Filkins, who completed her undergraduate coursework at Elon in January, is serving as a city host for a temporary service organization, the Center for Student Missions (CSM) in New York City.

"What I love about my job with CSM, is that it is 100 percent youth ministry, 100 percent direct service in the community and 100 percent a synthesis of these two passions. Yet again I get to push students and adult leaders to see the world — specifically New York City — in a way that challenges and pushes them towards reality," she wrote in her eighth blog entry.

As Filkins prepares to work with the Youth Outreach Program in Eastern Europe, the details of her assignment remain undecided. She is simply waiting for the call that she knows will arrive in mid-July.

Copeland has already answered

the call to work with youth in the United States, specifically the children of incarcerated parents in Nashville, through AmeriCorps VISTA.

"The idea of a namesake never scared me before. My brother has an IV behind his name so obviously my family likes the idea, most do. We want to carry on qualities of our family members. We want a name to connect us. But there is power in a name and I don't want these children to feel as though they have to live up to the name that their father or mother has," Copeland wrote in her second blog entry.

She, a former history major, also wrote that she is moved by the eye-opening aspects of life outside Elon that this experience has brought her.

Copeland, Filkins, Romano and Ougheltree have each embarked on an experience that, as illustrated in each of their respective blogs, brought them to a realization that there is a world bigger than Elon that awaits its graduates.

Human resource organization gives students a leg up

Alison Hydrick
Reporter

Elon's Society for Human Resource Management (ESHRM), is a small organization with huge opportunities for Elon students.

The society's members enjoy networking help and the chance to meet with human resources professionals.

In other words, they meet people who handle hiring.

Speaking with these executive managers on a personal level changed some members' perceptions of the human resource profession in general.

"As you get to know them, it's not as intimidating as it might seem, so I'm less intimidated," ESHRM president Katharine Joseph said.

The society offers students a competitive advantage when applying for jobs or graduate schools. The organization not only educates members on human resources, but prepares them for encounters with human resource professionals during interviews.

All students come in contact with human resources professionals as they apply for jobs, and the society aids students in knowing what these employers look for in job candidates.

Furthermore, abilities acquired through the society, such as communication skills are applicable in various job markets.

ESHRM gives students an advantage in competitive job markets by connecting them with human resource professionals from the Elon area. These professionals come to speak

with members about their personal experiences and listen to students' career aspirations.

"Just hearing their personal experiences is very helpful," Joseph said. "Working closely with professionals and knowing them on a personal level has made me aware of things I didn't know before."

In addition to meeting local professionals, student members can attend seminars where professionals share tips on resume building and what they look for in potential employees.

On the national level, for instance, one well-known job-seeker company suggests that graduates should recognize that employers are being more careful when hiring this year.

"Employers are proceeding with caution as they wait to see how the nation's economic situation unfolds," said Brent Rasmussen, chief operating officer of CareerBuilder.com. "At the same time, the demand for educated labor persists, fueling job opportunities and increased starting salaries for recent college graduates in key areas such as healthcare, engineering, sales and information technology."

The society's members enter the competitive job market with an advantage because they are familiar with employment laws, and what is appropriate or not during an interview process.

The organization's founding president, Christie Kelly, said just being a member of ESHRM aided her during her application process to graduate school, where officers were



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From left, President Kasey Joseph, Vice-President Sarah Garrison, Secretary Lindsay Steinour, Treasurer Sam Miller and PR Chair Josh Lapidus, form the executive staff of ESHRM, Elon's Society for Human Resource Management.

very impressed that Elon had a chapter on campus.

On April 17, the society held an induction ceremony, which solidified the organization as a chartered chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management.

"This is a big event for Elon," said Debby Wall, assistant director for employer relations and experiential education, and the organization's

faculty adviser. "Having a student chapter will bring more employer interest to our campus, which will provide more employment opportunities for students."

Students interested in ESHRM, or who want more information may contact Joseph at kjoseph2@elon.edu.

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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.

Editorial

Protestors' tactics unjustified

Anti-sweatshop activists had noble cause, but inappropriate strategies

This weekend many students encountered new additions to Elon's sidewalks.

Giant messages written in chalk were sprawled across the sidewalks of campus announcing uplifting messages like "Elon supports sweatshops" and urging, "Leo, stop support of sweatshops."

Even a giant banner was draped from the balcony of the third floor of Alamance with red spray paint bearing the same message.

Coincidentally this past weekend was also one of the spring orientation weekends for incoming freshmen.

Crowds of incoming freshmen and their families gathered on campus for a glimpse at what life will be like for them when they come to Elon next fall.

Of course, what did these people see while they wandered around campus? The accusatory sidewalk messages.

This was, of course, no coincidence on the behalf of Students for Peace and Justice, the organization behind the sweatshop protest.

In an intentional attempt to gain an audience, the organization chose this past weekend because of the spring orientation that was going on.

SfPJ's cause is a noble one indeed. Sweatshops are a horrific scar on the world's condition that must be rectified.

It is a great thing that SfPJ is trying to raise awareness about the presence of sweatshops around the world, and it is even better that it is pushing Elon

to a more assured stance against the support of sweatshops internationally.

The issue with their recent sweatshop protest is that many of the students took the wrong approach to protesting the issue.

Students crawled through Alamance third floor windows to access the balcony where their banner hung without administrative permission; that's the first strike.

In order to leave sidewalk chalk messages, students and organizations need to obtain permission and approval from the Moseley front desk. These students did not; that's strike two.

Kathy Scarborough, the manager of the campus shop, said that some protesters even went so far as to bar prospective Elon students from entering the campus store. They physically stopped some people from entering the store. SfPJ denies that this was their intention, and it very well may have not been. Regardless, it still happened; and that's strike three.

SfPJ claims that they only arranged the sit-in, and that the banner and chalk were most likely done by members acting on their own accord. Regardless of whether the actions were planned or not, their occurrence was untactful and unmerited.

It is wonderful to see Elon students take a stand to raise awareness about an issue or make strides to build support for a cause, but there has to be a certain degree of integrity and a

common code of ethics that must be followed.

Take Elon student's constant involvement with the organization Invisible Children, or the yearly Elonthon to raise money for Duke Children's Hospital.

These other organizations manage to combat inequities in the world

What needs to be realized is that Elon already follows a good amount of the policies and findings from the WRC through its campus store provider, Barnes & Noble.

According to Scarborough, Barnes & Noble follows policies and findings from the WRC, which it then dictates to its suppliers.

"The issue with [the] recent sweatshop protest is that many of the students took the wrong approach to protesting the issue."

without carrying out epic publicity stunts like the one that some of the members of SfPJ did this past weekend.

Also, a lot of the claims made by SfPJ were not completely accurate. Their message could be summarized by their most prominent quote "Elon supports sweatshops." This is, unfortunately, not a full account of the truth.

Elon has been a member of the Free Labor Association for several years now, as a result of past pressure and petitioning from SfPJ.

Many of the members of SfPJ have held the belief that membership in one group is not enough. The recent protest was an action taken to push Elon to also join the Workers Rights Consortium as well.

Through Elon's utilization of Barnes & Noble for its supplying of the campus store, the university ensures that its clothes are sweatshop-free.

Sweatshops are a blight on the world and the clothing industry but it's easy to jump on a soapbox and point the finger of blame at administrations and those in charge of corporations.

SfPJ should continue in their effort against sweatshops. They have achieved a good amount of progress in the past, such as petitioning Elon to join the Free Labor Association.

If they feel that Elon should also join the WRC, then all the more power to them in their endeavors. In the future, though, they should reevaluate their methods of protesting and what message they are trying to send as an organization for peace and justice.

Adolescent violence must be handled better

In the past few months, there have been a number of events in national news revolving around juvenile violence.

A group of third graders was thwarted in their plot to kill their teacher after she scolded one of them for standing on a chair.

A couple of teenagers in Florida lured a fellow classmate to one of their houses where they proceeded to beat her for half an hour, filming the whole thing.

The girl suffered from a concussion and minor loss of her vision and hearing. The teenagers intended to post the video on YouTube and Myspace before they were arrested by police.

These incidents are appalling and tragic but the reactions of the teenagers in Florida are more shocking than the crime.

According to reports, the group of teenagers were laughing and joking while they were detained.

They joked that they probably wouldn't be able to go to the beach for spring break and questioned if they would be able to make it to cheerleading practice the next day. In a video, one of the girls was giggling at her bail trial.

These kids didn't take the issue seriously, and their lack of remorse is far scarier than any video that could

be posted online.

To them, the entire event was justified because the other girl had apparently trash talked them on her Myspace page. They wanted to post the video online to embarrass their victim.

Now, because of the media coverage, the video has been seen by millions instead of the initial thousands who may have stumbled upon it.

The YouTube video is now a national

"If kids are indeed the future, as the common saying goes, society needs to look at how it treats them."

image and millions of people across the United States have seen the footage. The teenage offenders have received exactly what they wanted because of the amount of media attention they are receiving.

These kinds of horrific behaviors and actions are being glamorized and rewarded socially because of all the attention they receive. Society rewards actions like these by glorifying them with hordes of media attention.

It's the same as the notoriety of the

exploits of popular icons like Paris Hilton and Lindsay Lohan.

Nobody approves of the things that these people are doing, yet they receive endless amounts of news coverage. The coverage only encourages the behavior.

Scores of commentators on open forums online say that these kids should be tried as adults and should receive the fullest extent of punishment. But honestly, what will

that solve? What are people hoping to see happen?

The teenagers responsible for the assault on their classmate should in no way be let off completely, their actions are indeed despicable and disgusting.

At the same time, they should also not be just swept into the judicial system where they may fall into the same behavior and actually not show any positive change.

Elon professor Sandra Reid worked with North Carolina's Department of

Juvenile Justice for 20 years and is skeptical if strict punishment is really the best course of action. "Society's 'get tough on crime' stance ... is not a true deterrent for all crimes," Reid said. "Once they step into the system, it will snowball."

Instead of sweeping them aside, dismissing them, or even giving them a full life sentence like some have proposed, people should be looking at how to address the problem and how issues like this can be avoided in the future.

Putting these kids into the system isn't the best thing to do for them. To do so would be addressing this one instance as conveniently as possible instead of fixing the overall societal problem.

Reid said that in dealing with incidents like the third graders in Georgia and the teenagers in Florida, "Intervention needs to come at an earlier age."

If kids are indeed the future, as the common saying goes, society needs to look at how it treats them.

Instead of lambasting youth at every possible moment, people need to learn to support and foster them, not simply punish them and push them aside.

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Bottled water more harmful than many might think

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We often take for granted the luxury of walking into Octagon, picking up a bottle of water, swiping a meal plan and running out the door. But have you ever thought about the true "cost" of that Dasani in your hand? Where does the bottle start out, how does it make it to you and what goes into its production?

Nearly all water bottles are made from polyethylene terephthalate, which is made from crude oil. Yes, the same oil that fuels your car also composes your water bottle. After production, water bottles are shipped to their destination via boat, train, airplane or automobile, thus burning more fossil fuels. Up to a quarter of all water bottles are produced in a different country than the one in which they are consumed. That fancy water from exotic places like Fiji or the Alps must be transported thousands of miles, guzzling gasoline the whole way.

If Americans were to completely halt U.S. consumption of bottled water for a year and collect the oil that would be saved from production and transportation, there would be more than 17 million barrels of oil — enough to fuel more than one million U.S. cars for an entire year.

While the whole country seems abuzz about the rising cost of gasoline to more than \$3, would you believe that the very water you drink might be costing up to three times that amount? Bottled water is the fastest growing drink industry in the world and is worth more than \$22 billion annually. It can cost up to \$10 per gallon, and costs a thousand times more than the water from a tap. Ironically, about 40 percent of bottled water is actually the exact same as the water flowing from sinks.

Finally, comes the end of the life of a water bottle. The Container Recycling Institute estimates that 86 percent of U.S. water bottles are not recycled. The plastic in bottles that are simply thrown out requires up to one thousand years to biodegrade in landfills and can lead to air pollution and ozone depletion.

So what can students do? In a survey of Elon students, 89 percent said they buy at least one bottle of water per week — 22 percent actually said they buy more than six per week. The simple solution is to cut back on the amount of bottled water consumed. About 50 percent of surveyed students choose to fill a cup with water at dining halls instead of buying a water bottle, a simple action that everyone could do.

Also, 76 percent of students own a reusable water bottle like a Nalgene, but only a quarter of those say they use it several times per week or all the time. Many said that they only used reusable bottles for specific functions, like at the gym, on vacation, when playing a sport or on service trips.

Luckily, Elon students recognize the problems with bottled water to some degree — 95 percent of those surveyed said it either "greatly" or "somewhat" affected the environment. Also, 80 percent said that they were willing or might be willing to give up bottled water. Seeing the facts may encourage more to make a conscious effort to at least cut back on how often they buy bottled water. The challenge is simple: Ditch the Dasani!

Candidates shouldn't have to fear being labeled 'elitist'

There are few things worse in American politics than being perceived as an elitist. It's simply tradition for voters to be more drawn to candidates who portray themselves as a humble, rootsy, God-fearing average Joe. George W. Bush's entire political career has been dependent on this



Morgan Little
Columnist

truism. The country knows him as a quaint Texas farmer who, though he may be riotously inept, would be good company for a beer and a football game.

He's built up an image of himself that is free of such tiny details as his graduation from both Yale and Harvard, and is instead ripe with western imagery. Just look at the cover of Bush's 1999 book "A Charge to Keep," which features a cowboy riding a horse through the wilderness.

Now Barack Obama, who has been almost Reaganesque in his ability to keep scandals from having much of an effect upon his approval ratings, has become the latest politician to suffer from the elitism label.

Hillary Clinton must have been overwhelmed with joy the moment she heard about Obama's remarks in San Francisco. It gave her the chance to mingle among the middle class of Pennsylvania and point to him as an out-of-touch liberal looking down

on the rest of the country, who are deemed by him to be a bunch of gun-loving, bible-carrying Neanderthals.

Obama's remarks rekindled the debate as to whether or not he's too intellectual, too highly educated for the average American's vote.

One would presume that, given the importance of the presidency, being an intellectual would be considered a plus. Of course, presumptions can often be incorrect. No one voted for Bush because of his intelligence, Bill Clinton hid a brilliant political mind beneath a cloak of McDonald's visits and an aw-shucks attitude, and Reagan's political ability was dependant not on his noggin but on his acting ability.

What's left is a political process in which intelligence isn't revered for those running for executive positions. In its place are endless news clips of the candidates leaning their heads back and taking shots or bowling terribly. Of course politicians want to connect to the people in the hopes of attracting their votes, but does Hillary Clinton wearing a construction hat or Obama admiring the attractions of an agricultural farm fool anyone?

While Obama's comments in San Francisco were a terrible slip-up from a man whose words are typically well-chosen, they did strike at a truth that most Americans are slow to admit. Whenever confronted with major problems, when things seem to be going to hell with ambiguous feet pushing down on the accelerator, politicians and the public twist the direction of campaigns into simpler, less important waters.

Remember 2004? When health care, social security and that war in Iraq were to be the most pressing issues upon which the future of the country's pockets and security depended? All of those issues were marginalized, instead the election, dominated by the Republicans while John Kerry stumbled to keep up, still brushing the sleep out of his eyes, became a matter of black and white issues.

The prevention of gay marriage and John Kerry's perceived lack of patriotism, two of the least important things that could have been focused on in the general election, were deciding factors.

And look at the United States now. The political agenda is being deluded by the "success" of the surge in Iraq and not a single step forward has been made with either social security or health care.

Many of the problems facing this country are incalculably complex and require a very intelligent leader to handle them. They're all difficult to understand; if they were simple they would have been solved by now. That doesn't mean that this election should follow the same path as its predecessor.

Instead the common man needs to accept something that in this country seems counterintuitive. Not everyone is created equal; some people are smarter than others. And because they're surrounded in an environment of such intellectualism, or pride themselves on their eloquence doesn't mean they're terrible offshoots of liberal elitism. As Obama has proven with his comments, even people with such a reputation can be idiots.

Religion endures through rational faith

Scott Moshier
Contributing Writer

A person's faith in Jesus Christ is to be applied to all facets of everyday life. But in a postmodern world, religion or any belief system is not to be believed blindly. Rather, everyone should question what they believe and know why they believe it.

Christians do not believe in God to make sense of the world or to supplement personal philosophies. Everyday occurrences reveal glimpses of the Creator: a glass of wine, a good conversation or an inspiring song. All these things are brief glimpses of something greater.

The apostle Paul said that God has clearly revealed his power and nature since creation. To believe that the universe, our solar system, the Earth and all life began from the explosion of a giant ball of energy requires more blind faith than believing that a higher power created humans.

God is not the glue that fills the holes of philosophical ideologies but the way of understanding and viewing the world. The better a person can understand the creator, the better a person can understand the creation—in this case: humans, ideas, nature. The God of the Bible reveals how things are meant to be in the world.

The motto of Christianity previously put forth by Scuiletti is to accept suffering and poverty now in order to be rewarded in the afterlife. Such a motto cannot be found anywhere in the Bible. Jesus stated the true mottoes for Christians in the Gospel of Matthew: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." He also tells us how to live that out: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

To love your neighbor as you love yourself is a radical statement to live by. The belief that faith enforces the status quo could not be further from the truth. Jesus called for a radical way of living: to sell all your possessions, give to the poor and even suffer for him. The Bible has more than 2,000 references to social justice. The great social justice movements have been

led by Christians or based on Christ's teachings: Martin Luther King, Jr., Desmond Tutu, Nelson Mandela and even Gandhi.

Today there are countless examples of Christians leading movements against a society plagued by war, poverty and other social justice issues. Call to Renewal, Cure International and World Vision are just three examples of organizations today fighting for the poor, needy and dying in our country and throughout the world.

In his column, Scuiletti questioned why highly religious, impoverished people do not rebel and fight for a fair opportunity. This is irrational for many reasons, but two in particular: First, the poor have already been marginalized by society. Second, a violent uproar would be ineffective. Which group was more effective in the Civil Rights movement: Martin Luther King, Jr. and his passive resisters or the Black Panthers?

Instead, it is the job of the middle- and upper-class people to love, advocate for and stand beside the poor and marginalized of society. We live in a society dominated by selfishness, with people consistently proving their unwillingness to make any sacrifice of significance for the sake of others.

Jesus called the world to a life of sacrifice. He tells people if they have two coats and see a person without one, to give him one of theirs. Humans are called to love and respect all people, fight all forms of injustice, pursue peace in all situations and to have a consistent ethic of human life that chooses life in the face of war, abortion, genocide, AIDS and capital punishment.

Take Scuiletti's advice: "Question it, research it and decide if the idea is worth accepting." There is a reason so many people choose to give their lives to Christ and his teachings. It is not out of blind faith or a love of science fiction or fantasy, but rooted in nature, observation and rational thought. Research Jesus and his teachings. Historical records, historical eyewitness accounts and archeological findings support the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The evidence is there, yet rational, not blind, faith is still required.

The bee's knees

Bees live for 40 days.

Information and graphics by Shelley Russell

One in three bites of food that Americans take come courtesy of honeybees.

Honeybees are the only insect that produces food humans can eat.

Honeybees have remained unchanged for 20 million years.

Honey never spoils.

It would take one ounce of honey to fuel a honeybee's flight around the world.

Honeybees are responsible for about 8 percent of all fruit, vegetable and seed crops in the U.S.

A honeybee flaps its wings 11,400 times per minute, creating the "buzz" sound.

There are between 60,000 and 80,000 bees in a hive.

The queen bee lays 2,000 eggs per day.

There are 450 types of honey, meaning that bees pollinate 450 types of plants.

Bees make between 400 and 800 pounds of honey per hive.

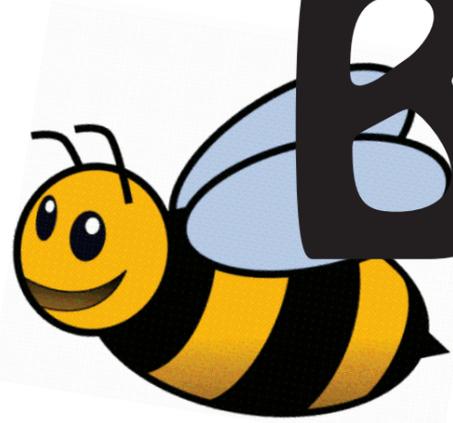
For more information about bees visit:

The Pollinator Partnership
<http://www.pollinator.org/>

North American Pollinator Protection Campaign
<http://www.nappc.org/>

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What's BU about



Threats to bee hives and the mystery of Colony Collapse Disorder

Carolyn VanBrocklin Reporter

Scientists and beekeepers around the world are puzzled at the recent disappearance of honeybees. The bees have been disappearing mysteriously from their hives in large numbers in a phenomenon known as Colony Collapse Disorder or CCD.

Elon chemistry professor Eugene Grimley studies the chemical identification of honey, and the CCD phenomenon concerns him.

"The cause hasn't been pinpointed because there are so many different things that can affect bees," Grimley said. He says there are several factors that affect the health of honeybees, ranging from mites and bacteria, to poisons.

Tracheal mites and varroa mites, both parasites, are long time health concerns for bees. They live inside of bees,

What you can do to save the bees

Purchase local and organic foods:

This minimizes the transportation of bees across country, which stresses bee colonies and weakens their immune systems.

Raise awareness:

Conversations and campaigns both in and out of the classroom setting can spread awareness about the importance of saving disappearing bee colonies.

Plant wildflower seeds:

This will give bees a healthy environment to live in. Using minimal amounts of pesticides and conserving natural habitat will also help maintain bee health.

Write to a Congress member:

Talking to Congress members about the issue and requesting funds for further research may help.

How your mouse can save the bees

Kaitlin Ugolik Reporter

Alexander Bowman, a senior at Ragsdale High School in Jamestown, N.C., got the idea to sell T-shirts advocating awareness of Colony Collapse Disorder in a roundabout way. While browsing an online news site, he came across a story about the connection between the Mayan calendar's abrupt stop at the year 2012 and the disappearance of honeybees.

Bowman read that there was a massive depletion out of bee colonies, and that all honeybees may be gone by the end of 2008. He also read a controversial quote from Albert Einstein, saying that after the bees are gone, humans will only have about four more years to live. This added up to humans becoming extinct in 2012.

"I thought that was really goofy," he said. "So I told people about it, and I was at first going to make a shirt as a joke. It was going to say 2012 with a bunch of dead bees on it. Then I actually realized that the bee thing was really happening."

Bowman changed his shirt design to have the words "Save the Bees" on the front and wings on the back. He sold his first batch of shirts from his Facebook group, "I am buying a 2012 bee shirt, are you?" which had more than 200 members within its first two weeks. Bowman said he hopes he can distribute pamphlets about Colony Collapse Disorder and the importance of honeybees with his next batch of shirts. He also said he hopes to make a profit to donate to the Pollinator Partnership, an information and community involvement Web site dedicated to the maintenance and protection of pollinating species.

As far as the imminent extinction of honeybees and the possible connection to the Mayan calendar, Bowman says he's wary about its truth, but "anything's possible."

Gabrielle Prohn, public relations and promotions coordinator for Burt's Bees, is skeptical as well.

"From my understanding, I don't think the bees will be gone by 2008," she said. "I think we're not in any immediate peril, but it's a very important issue to be aware of and address."



Exploring

The all too familiar each spring with the is quickly becoming Colony Collapse Disorder, or the recent black plague world. Yet, it has been in the media until recently.

When CCD occurs, bees disappear rapidly from the trace, while the queen supplies of food are gone when a hive is abandoned and scavengers move in. It does not happen when CCD. Beekeepers will open up hives, but full of larvae.

CCD has hit the United States between 50 and 90 percent according to a "60 minutes" report. The strangest aspect is that you can find the bees.

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Burt's Bees: buzzing with conservation efforts

Kaitlin Ugolik
Reporter

The Durham-based company has been creating products with beeswax since 1984 when Roxanne Quimby made the first candles with the left-over wax from Burt Shavitz's honey business in Maine.

Last year, when the company realized that bees were in peril, it expanded its already extensive environmental conservation program to include spreading awareness and raising money for research about Colony Collapse Disorder.

Public Service Announcements

With the help of Burt himself, the company created a public service announcement promoting local and organic produce, which ran before Jerry Seinfeld's "Bee Movie" and on local news stations.

Bee-friendly flower seeds

The company gave away more than 50,000 seed packets in two weeks. The packets are still distributed on the mobile "Bee-utify Your World" tour that travels around the country with product samples and information.

Honeybee Health Improvement Project

Burt's Bees has started a partnership with the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign, which runs the Honeybee Health Improvement Project aimed at preventing hive loss through beekeeper education and research.

eventually killing them. Honeybees are also prone to bacterial diseases, such as American foulbrood. When an outbreak occurs, beekeepers have to completely destroy the infected hive to keep the disease from spreading to other hives. Poisons from pesticides, which are sprayed for agricultural purposes, toxins from garbage dumps and certain plants that are naturally poisonous also threaten bee lives.

Grimley and other scientists believe that CCD results from a combination of these factors, in addition to an inadequate food supply and new viruses that infect the bees.

Honeybees have naturally weak immune systems, and any environmental change can wreak havoc on the hives. Research is being conducted to determine the exact causes, or at least narrow down the series of causes, for the disorder. CCD has serious

implications for the future of the bee population, as well as agriculture. Honeybees are responsible for pollinating many foods eaten by humans, including almonds, apples, blueberries and peaches. Grimley said that an acre of almonds can produce about 2,400 pounds of almonds with the help of bees, but without the bees it would yield only 40 pounds, a 98 percent decrease in production.

Bees are crucial to the agricultural system, which will collapse if this disorder continues without repair. The world's food supply depends on pollination by bees, and honeybees pollinate about \$15 billion worth of fruits, nuts and vegetables. A significant loss of honeybees would severely limit the foods available to humans.

Researchers are working to determine a cause for this occurrence, since a future without bees would devastate the human population.



Burt's Bees in Durham, producer of earth-friendly personal care items from lip balm to deodorant, is among those feeling (and trying to alleviate) the immediate impact of CCD.

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Bees are crucial in the production of about one-third of the foods eaten in America. They pollinate about 90 different crops, worth an estimated 15 billion dollars. While effects of CCD can not yet be seen in terms of food supply in grocery stores, beekeepers and scientists are working to find a cure.

The disappearance of honeybees means a loss of fruits, vegetables and flowers that are pollinated by bees. Awareness is quickly spreading about an issue that could have devastating effects on the human population and the survival of plant species that are dependent on pollination by bees.



ASHLEY BARNAS | Photographer

Honeybees are crucial to pollination. A loss of honeybees could lead to a huge loss in quantity and quality of vegetables and fruits. These foods are essential to the human diet and many other species will also be adversely affected by the loss of vegetation and bees.



From April 27 to May 3 hundreds of Elon students will be involved in activities during CELEBRATE! 2008, a week-long celebration of student achievements in academics and the arts. We will keep our traditional Tuesday of suspended classes to celebrate both faculty scholarship and student undergraduate research known as **S.U.R.F.** The week long program will include seminars, art exhibitions, plays, a film festival, dance and music performances, and much more—all of which is student work! A full program of events is available in the Moseley Center mailroom and in Belk Library or online at - <http://www.elon.edu/web/academics/celebrate/>.

Make plans now to be part of this week-long celebration of both academics and the arts. You don't want to miss it. **CELEBRATE!**

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

- 2 PM Performing Arts Department Spring Play: A Midsummer Night's Dream - McCrary Theatre
- 6:30 PM and 7:30 PM "Tapped Out": Tap and Musical Theatre Dance Concert - McKinnon Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 28

- 8 AM-5 PM Art Department Exhibition in Isabella Cannon Room and Arts West - Isabella Cannon Room in the Center for the Arts; Arts West Building, 406 W. Haggard Ave. — all week event
- 8 AM-9 PM Celebrate Elon's Art Collection - Belk Library — all week event
- 8 AM-9 PM Fading Traditions of the East - Outside Moseley, Young Commons — all week event
- 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM, and 12:30 PM - Physics Phenomena Photography Project: Best Of Multimedia Show - McMichael Room 115
- 12 PM-1:30 PM Eat, Think, and Be Merry: Creative Writing Students Read from Their Work - Carlton 209
- 4 PM-5:30 PM Opening Reception for the Student-Curated Exhibition for Student Excellence - Belk Library, Oak Grove Lounge (1st Floor)
- 4:45 PM - 5:45 PM Biology Department Reception to Recognize Student Excellence - McMichael 117 and the Micher Terrace
- 5:30 PM-7 PM College Writing/English 110 Showcase - Alumnance 201, 301, 302 and 318
- 6 PM "Tapped Out": Tap and Musical Theatre Dance Concert - McKinnon Hall
- 6:30 PM An Evening with Spoon River - The Performing Arts Downtown Acting Studio-104 N. Williamson Ave (one door down from Cantina)

TUESDAY, APRIL 29 — Classes Suspended

- 9 AM-9:55 AM Celebration of Faculty Scholarship — All Departments: Various Locations
- 10 AM-11 AM College Coffee and Student Poster Session - Poster and art exhibits remain on display through 4 PM - Center for the Arts Concourse and Terrace
- 10:50 AM — 4:40 PM SURF Presentations
- 5:15 PM-7 PM SURF Awards and Banquet - (try invitation only)

- 7:30 PM Elon University Orchestra - McCrary Theatre, Center for the Arts
- 7:30 PM Festival of Student-Directed Works: Musical Theater Project - Black Box Theatre, Center for the Arts

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

- 1:40 PM - 3:10 PM Hear Me, Hear My Song - Senior Music Theatre Majors present - Yeager Recital Hall, Center for the Arts
- 2 PM-3 PM Outdoor Dance Concert - Center For the Arts Patio (Rain Location: Center for the Arts, Dance Studio C, Room 111)
- 3 PM-6 PM Celebrate! Student Achievements in Service Learning - Oaks 212
- 7:30 PM The Colonnades Reveal - Isabella Cannon Room, Center for the Arts
- 7:30 PM Festival of Student-Directed Works: How I Learned to Drive - Black Box Theatre, Center for the Arts
- 8 PM ElonDocs Films - www.elon.edu/elondocs - Under the Oaks (in front of McEwen) - Rain Location: TV Studio B in McEwen

THURSDAY, MAY 1

- 2:20 PM-4 PM Professional Writing & Rhetoric Showcase - Carlton 321(CUPID)
- 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM Outdoor Dance Concert - Center for the Arts Patio (Rain Location: Center for the Arts, Dance Studio C, Room 111)
- 3:40 PM - 4:10 PM The Wednesday Combo - Whitley Auditorium Patio
- 4:15 PM - 5:15PM Omicron Delta Kappa Annual Awards Day Ceremony - Whitley Auditorium
- *School Awards will immediately follow the ODK Awards.*
 - School of Education - Whitley Auditorium
 - The Martha and Spencer Love School of Business presented their awards at the LSB Faculty and Student Award Ceremony on April 17 - Martha And Spencer Love School Of Business (Koury Business School Digital Theater)
 - School of Communications - McEwen Studio B
 - Elon College, the College of Arts and Science, will present their awards at the Elon College Faculty and Student Excellence Awards on May 8 from 4:10 to 5 PM - McCrary Theatre
- 7:30 PM Chorale Masterworks Concert - McCrary Theatre
- 7:30 PM Festival of Student-Directed Works: Music Theater Project - Black Box Theatre, Center for the Arts

FRIDAY, MAY 2

- 9:25 AM Re-telling the Trojan War - Carlton 309
- 2 PM-4 PM Nonchalant-A-Thon - Young Commons
- 3 PM-5:30 PM Multicultural Gala - The Second Floor of the Moseley Center (all rooms)
- 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM 2nd Annual AKD Play-In - Powell House
- 6:30 PM World Out - The Elon University vocal jazz ensemble, élan, is joined by Elon's newest ensemble, the World Percussion Ensemble, Young Commons
- 7:30 PM Festival of Student-Directed Works: How I Learned to Drive - Black Box Theatre, Center for the Arts

SATURDAY, MAY 3

- 2 PM Festival of Student-Directed Works: How I Learned to Drive - Black Box Theatre, Center for the Arts
- 7:30 PM Festival of Student-Directed Works: Music Theater Project - Black Box Theatre, Center for the Arts
- 7 PM Sweet Signatures Spring Concert - Whitley Auditorium

Features

Gone to GHANA

Laura Bradford
Reporter

It began at 5:45 a.m. when five Elon students walked through the airport doors in Ghana and were engulfed in the thick, hot African air. Their driver stood with a hand-written sign reading "Elon University."

Tired, hungry and hot, the students squeezed into the back of his van with their heavy luggage on their laps. They were ready to go, but with a car to the left, a car to the right and a broken down truck boxing them in from behind, they were going nowhere.

When the driver got out to investigate the

of five Elon students studying abroad in Accra, Ghana, this semester. As the students embarked on a life-changing experience, Stackpole has blogged each step of the way as a means of sharing her experiences with friends, family and other Elon students.

Stackpole, sophomores Jenna Temple and Michelle Mica, juniors Meghan Dempsey and Ivy Crank soon began to realize how their differences would define them. As they were some of the only white people in the country, they were in for more of a culture shock than they had expected.

"It's hard to imagine that my skin defines who I am, but there are definitely expectations that come with it that are sometimes hard for me to understand," Temple said. "To them, we all have money, our girls are pretty and other things like that I'd never think of at home."

At Elon, Temple is clearly in the majority. The primarily white campus can challenge such students to grasp a truly diverse experience.

Elon sends a higher percentage of undergraduates to study abroad than any other master's-level school in the nation. Seventy-five percent of the students in the class of 2007 went abroad at least once in their college career at Elon.

For most, this traveling experience is a great opportunity to

get a grasp of the world's diverse culture. For the five young women in Ghana, they knew they were far from home.

On the first day of classes, as Temple mentions in her blog, her cultural background, the color of her skin and the fact that she was American was brought up in front of her 300-person class. One of the conclusions: All white people look the same. Temple said she had never felt so out of place.

A day is not complete without being called "oyinbo," meaning white person, while walking down the street.

Despite the initial culture shock, the study abroad experience in Ghana is becoming a life lesson. The adjustments that the girls have had to make to the food, the education, the cleanliness, the weather and the people can be overwhelming at times.

For many, the opportunities taken to study abroad give them the chance to grasp a new way of life while blending in with foreign culture. For the five girls in Ghana, it is having the courage to step out of their comfort zone each day and learn from the experiences and the people around them. Though hard to do at times, it has shaped their lives significantly.

"I think you could seriously take every aspect of the culture and talk about how it has changed me," Temple said.



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Sophomores Jenna Temple and Avra Stackpole attended the International Fair in Accra, Ghana, with friend Ato (center). Five Elon students are studying at the University of Ghana from February through June.

To read more about Temple's and Stackpole's experiences in Ghana, visit their blogs at www.jennainghana.blogspot.com and www.aroundtheworldwithavra.blogspot.com

problem, the owner of the truck head-butted him. Insults and profanities flew.

"At this moment I am dying of laughter because I am (a) terrified and (b) this is my first impression of Ghana," sophomore Avra Stackpole wrote in her blog. Stackpole is one

Campus gossip goes national

Caroline Key
Reporter

The Elon gossip bubble could potentially feel a lot smaller if Elon becomes a part of the college gossip Web site, JuicyCampus.com.

The site, started by Duke graduate Matt Ivester in August of 2007, was created to enable "online anonymous free speech" on college campuses nationwide. The site allows students to post blogs about anything "juicy," namely gossip about other students and organizations that are referred to by full names.

Anyone can access posts from any school, and can search for gossip regarding Greek organizations, sport teams or individual students. People writing the posts remain anonymous, but they are free to write about whatever or whomever they want, exposing personal information that anyone can see.

Although most of the posts are relatively harmless, some have the potential to seriously damage a student's reputation, like blogs titled "Biggest Cokeheads," or "Sluttiest Girls." Many of these posts list students by first and last names, and regardless of their level of truth, they are on the site permanently.

"Once it's out there, it's out there," the site explains. "So be careful what you say."

Elon is not yet on the site, but with UNC, Davidson, Duke and Wake Forest all supported, it is a likely candidate for membership once the site expands its list of supported schools. As of now, Juicy Campus is still in its "Beta" version, meaning it is still trying to work out kinks before it opens up to a broader audience.

Ivester claims he never intended the site for harm, but it is a slippery slope when information about anything is posted on the Internet, regardless of whether it is true or not. The idea of the site opening to Elon students makes some feel uneasy about the possible damage it could do.

"At a school as small as Elon, gossip spreads fast enough as it is," junior Megan Moran said. "No one wants their name slandered on the Internet when they try to get a job one day."

Whether the gossip is harmless or outright vicious, the students have ultimate control of what is posted on the site. If Juicy Campus chooses to support Elon, students will need to keep in mind that the information posted doesn't just stay in the "bubble," it is on the Internet, for the world to see, for as long as the site exists.

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Does an online personality override a resume?

The impression that student Facebook profiles give to future employers

Megan Lee
Reporter

Although those dramatic model-like poses and beer-chugging photos may gain the Elon student a few more Facebook friends, this might not be the most accurate or flattering impression to give off.

As graduation and reality loom around the corner, several Elon students have been doing some Facebook profile spring cleaning to prevent sending the wrong message to future employers.

With Facebook membership at 31 million users in 2007 and growing at an overwhelming 100,000 people a day, this networking and communication tool has also become a convenient source for background checks.

The Herman Group, an international firm employing management consultants and strategic business futurists that focus on workforce issues, has discovered an astonishing increase of the use of Facebook for company background checks.

According to the Herman Trend Alert written in February 2008, 83.2 percent of recruiters use the Internet

to find out more information about prospective employees.

Since this has become a more common process for corporations, Elon students are taking note of the change that might determine whether they get the job or not.

"I am completely aware of the fact that companies can access your information at any time," junior Ahmed Hassan said. "I think it's completely absurd, but what did Mom tell you on your first day of school? Be a good boy and don't do anything that will get you into trouble. Same with Facebook."

In courses such as transition strategies and senior seminars, faculty and staff members have warned students of the possibilities of their Facebook pages influencing their ability to get a job.

"We do warn students about Facebook and how it can hurt their chances to get the job they want," said Reggie Bullock, staff member and intern at the Career Center. "It's OK to have a Facebook page, but students should be careful about the types of pictures and music selections they have online."

There have been

conflicting opinions about companies having access to people's Facebook profiles without their knowledge. Although some people believe that an Internet profile is public information, others claim that such checks are an invasion of privacy.

"Facebook is a social network, not a professional tool," junior Kristen Holtje said. "Most Facebook users are in college. I would guess, and I feel, that it is a widely known fact that people do things in college that they would not do at any other stage in their lives."

Holtje also said she believes it is unfair to include Facebook profiles in background checks because she thinks that a majority of the employers looking at students' sites most likely engaged in the same activities.

In contrast, junior Catherine Parsons thinks it is acceptable for employers to investigate potential employees.

"Employers need to know what lifestyle they are going to be contributing to with possible hirees," Parsons said. "They want to be represented favorably, and if you don't cut it then they won't employ you."



FILE PHOTO

College students should be aware that their Facebook pages could harm their ability to get a job after graduation. Having a page is OK, according to Reggie Bullock from the Career Center, students just need to edit what they are letting others see.

OVERHEARD AT ELON U

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

Sophomore Nick Massa created "Overheard by Elon U," a Facebook group that highlights ridiculous comments made by Elon students. The group features daily posts and hosts nearly 500 members, a number that has been growing at least 100 per week.

"I left my Phoenix card in the room. Can they just like charge it to my driver's license or something?"
-overheard by Aaron Richards at Acorn

"Aren't you a Porcelain scholar?"
-overheard by Geena Vontress

"Dude, I think if I get a notebook as sweet as yours I might actually do homework."
-overheard by Sylvia Ohanyan

"Oh! I read that book! It's really good! You can, like, read it and not have to think very much at all!"
-overheard by Catherine 'Jade' Thierer

"Man, everybody wanna shoot somebody nowadays! People wanna shoot people."
-overheard by Al Brown

Spectrum PRIDE week teaches GLBT acceptance

Laura Wainman
Reporter

In 1995, an Elon biology professor casually suggested starting a student organization for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender students at Elon. Soon after Spectrum, the product of this suggestion, became a part of the Elon Community.

Spectrum is Elon's Gay-Straight Alliance, which provides a place for Elon students to socialize in a judgment-free

atmosphere. Members support each other in all areas from dealing with coming out to family and friends to responding to homophobia.

"The mission of Spectrum is to raise awareness of the issues in the GLBT community, as well as provide a place where GLBT people and straight allies can meet, talk, be active in the issues and have a good time," said junior Caleb Tabor, Spectrum's co-chair.

Spectrum has hosted numerous events on campus over the past years to raise awareness and dispel myths surrounding the GLBT community at Elon including Gay? Fine by Me, an event where students wear T-shirts with this logo to show their support. Coming Out All Over is also an annual event put on by Spectrum which allows students, faculty and staff to share their personal stories of finding themselves.

This week marks the biggest event of the year for Spectrum: PRIDE Week. Saturday night kicked off the week with the first ever Drag Ball. Five drag queens from

the Greensboro area performed alongside participating members of the Elon community. The proceeds of the event were donated to the Guilford Green Foundation, an organization which "seeks to courageously unite community by fostering organizations which advance GLBT persons and issues," according to its Web site.

"Transamerica" was shown Monday evening in the Zone. The movie documents the journey of a pre-operative male-to-female transsexual who discovers she has fathered a son.

On "Theology Tuesday" a panel discussed how different religious denominations view GLBT issues.

Today's theme is "Western Wednesday" where students can dress up in their best western attire and enjoy a night of music, dancing and fun in Harden Clubhouse. Transgender individuals from all across North Carolina will be sharing their stories and experiences on Thursday.

"This is a really unique and awesome opportunity for Elon

students to hear the perspective of a group that is not often heard from," said senior Hillary Waugh, an intern from the Multicultural Center who has worked with Spectrum to coordinate PRIDE Week.

PRIDE Week will come to a close on Friday with a National Day of Silence. Members of the GLBT community, as well as their supporters, throughout the world will take a vow of silence to represent those who have been forced into silence because of their sexual orientation.

"Faculty and staff members have been very cooperative working with us to coordinate this event," Waugh said. "It is great to have this institutional support."

PRIDE week is meant to raise awareness of the issues facing the GLBT community. Students outside the GLBT community are invited, and encouraged, to participate in any of the PRIDE events to show support for all Elon students.

"I hope that students will learn that we are all just people," Tabor said. "And at the end of the day we should all treat each other with respect, whether or not we can agree on everything."



Chi Chi, from Greensboro, lip sank and danced as part of Spectrum's two-hour long Drag Show on Saturday in McKinnon.

Arts & Entertainment

Elon brings new twist to Shakespearian classic

'A Midsummer Night's Dream' opens in McCrary Theatre April 24

Morgan Morris
Reporter

Love and conflict in relationships, things to which all college students can relate, are central themes coming center stage this week at Elon University.

In an effort to rejuvenate and reinvent a classic Shakespearian play, the Elon department of performing arts will produce a 1960s themed version of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" April 24-27.

A play originally written in the mid-1590s, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" is a comedy that deals with the universal theme of love's difficulty in relationships. With a story line that involves a complex tale of love between four Athenian lovers, this play is easily relatable for anyone who has ever experienced any level of love in a relationship, director Fredrick J. Rubeck said.

A professor who has worked with the drama department at Elon University for 20 years and directed more than 75 plays, Rubeck said he is excited to stage this classic play in a new light.

"This time period fit really nicely with the themes of the play," Rubeck said.

Also citing the fact that Shakespeare used music in many of his plays, Rubeck incorporated a six-piece band including a vocalist, two guitarists and a bassist to play relevant songs from the 1960s to add to the overall feel of the performance.

Many more preparations such as the design, set and acting have also been in the works since before November when 25 cast members were picked out of 150 people who auditioned.

Even though this number of cast members may not seem like much to the ordinary person, Rubeck said that this production has been one of the biggest and most complex in the history of the performing arts department. Along with the 25-member cast, the band and a 12-member running crew make up just a few of the people involved in this endeavor.

"We have a talent pool in our department of remarkable students," Rubeck said.

With an energetic cast and enjoyable script to work with, Rubeck said he believes this show will bring more than just an unusual twist to a classic play.

A story that involves everything from love triangles to the struggle of forbidden love, Rubeck said he believes that the issues featured in this play will "remind people of how they have approached love in their own lives."

Rubeck also wants the public to not be discouraged by the Shakespearian dialogue. Since the play will take place in a new time period, he believes that the general premise of the show will be more easily understood.

Even cast member Elijah Martinez, who plays the character Theseus, said he had no trouble with the Shakespearian lines.

"It's not hard to memorize lines for Shakespeare because they follow a very specific rhythmic pulse," Martinez said. "It's like memorizing lyrics to a song. No matter what, you can memorize a song a lot easier than, say, your history homework."

A play that transcends all time periods, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will present insights on



ASHLEY BARNAS | Photographer

Oberon, played by Mark St. Cyr (bottom left), tells Puck, Laura Baker (bottom right), to go search the world for a magical flower to serve his purpose in obtaining the young Indian boy who is being held in his wife Titania's camp. Oberon's fairies look on with interest.

love that are eternal and unlimited.

"Every guy and girl can relate to what the characters go through in the play," said Chelsea McGinnis, who plays the character Hermia.

With everything from romance to fight scenes, this play presents the reality of love through a dream, in which audience members find out "what fools these mortals be" when it comes to love.



Ashley Barnas | Photographer

Helena, played by Joanna Bateman (right), tirelessly fights for Demetrius' love even though his heart belongs to Hermia, Chelsey McGinnis (left). Helena asks Hermia what she does to make him fall so in love with her, and what Helena can do to win his heart.

WANT TO GO?

WHAT

"A Midsummer Night's Dream"

WHEN

Thursday, April 24 – Saturday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m.

WHERE

McCrary Theatre

COST

\$12 or free with an Elon ID

Honors seniors are first to complete thesis in creative writing

Alyse Knorr
Design Editor

Senior Honors Fellows Molly Dickinson and Sarah Cox read several poems from their Honors thesis collections April 16 at the "Dickinson-Cox Poetry Hour."

The event drew a crowd of 30-40 people and took place in Whitley Auditorium at 7 p.m.

Dickinson and Cox are the first two Honors Fellows to ever complete a thesis project in creative writing, and they are currently in the final stages of polishing their manuscripts.

"I think the reading went well," Cox said. "It was a lot of fun to get up there and share what I've been working on all this time."

"We're really thankful that there are people who love poetry out there," Dickinson said.

All Honors Fellows must complete an extensive thesis project in their major throughout their junior and senior years, working closely with a faculty mentor in their department. Different majors have different thesis requirements, and Honors creative writing majors are required to write a manuscript of either 50 pages of prose or 30 pages of poetry.

Both Dickinson and Cox worked with English professor Kevin Boyle, who served as their Honors thesis mentor.

"It's been a great experience to work with Kevin Boyle and to have him there to look at everything in detail and to work on a manuscript long-term," Cox said.

Dickinson and Cox concluded the poetry hour by dedicating some playful, light-hearted haikus to Boyle and thanking him for his support.

What goes into a creative thesis?

- Most Honors Fellows complete a 60- to 90-page research paper, but many majors offer creative projects.

- Creative writing majors can write 50 pages of fiction or non-fiction or 30 pages of poetry.

- Art majors can create an exhibition accompanied by a 15- to 20-page paper.

- Dance, theater arts and music theater majors can either produce an established play, musical or choreographed piece or present a play, musical or dance piece of their own creation.

- Communications majors can complete a 15 to 30-minute video accompanied by a 15 -to 20-page paper.

- Molly Dickinson and Sarah Cox are the first Honors fellows to complete their thesis in creative writing.



Alexa Milan
A&E Editor

Tapped Out

Tap dance performance to kick off Elon's CELEBRATE! week



ANGIE LOVELACE | Photographer

Gene Medler teaches Ann Sterling (left) and Anna Kimmell (right) steps for "Tapped Out" as part of CELEBRATE! week.

show will feature some of his original choreography. Medler is a renowned tap dancer, choreographer and founder of the North Carolina Youth Tap Ensemble. Cariello said she considers it a privilege to work with him.

The show will feature tap dances set to a variety of music styles, including hip-hop, modern, Spanish and even Australian aboriginal. But "Tapped Out" will open and close with traditional tap phrases that have been passed down throughout history.

"Our goal was to have it not be all rhythm tap or all one genre," Teem said.

Cariello said that her piece has a punk-vibe that she describes as "techno tap."

"[Tap] looks effortless on stage, but people don't realize how difficult it can be," Cariello said.

Kearns said that showcasing the diversity of tap dance, both in style and level of difficulty, is what "Tapped Out" is all about. It also displays the creativity involved in using all parts of the tap shoe.

"Tap is going through a Renaissance

at this point in time," Medler said. "We want to preserve traditional work and look to the future."

Medler said he thinks "Tapped Out" shows that there is room for both traditional and contemporary tap styles and displays the energy associated with each one.

"I always feel that everyone who taps has a good time," Cariello said.

Kearns, Cariello and Teem all said they hope that feeling extends to the audience, and all three agree that tap should produce a spirit of community among both the dancers and the audience.

Kearns, Cariello and Teem are planning for "Tapped Out" to be performed annually and wanted to put together a solid program for others to follow. It is an opportunity for dance students to get more tap experience and for audiences to be entertained with a variety of high-energy numbers.

"We're really excited about this opportunity," Cariello said. "And we want to make sure we do it right."

The show will be at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on April 27 and 6 p.m. April 28.

Students can expect a very different kind of dance concert full of upbeat music, plenty of rhythm and energetic tapping April 27 and 28 in McKinnon Hall.

A far cry from traditional ballet performances and even modern dance, "Tapped Out" will showcase the best of the department of performing arts' tap students.

Junior Rachel Teem, one of the show's student co-directors, said she thinks that "Tapped Out" should keep everyone entertained because it is so different from most other styles of dance.

"Ballet, jazz and modern dance are all sort of connected, but tap is something different," Teem said.

"Tapped Out," overseen by Lauren Kearns, assistant professor and coordinator of dance, and Gene Medler, adjunct instructor of dance, will help kick off CELEBRATE! week a few short hours after the last performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

"I love the rhythm and the musicality and the physicality of tap," said Kearns, who serves as the show's artistic director. "It's very electric and there's something mesmerizing about the sound."

Kearns described "Tapped Out" as celebrating the art of tap dance, and talked to Steven House, dean of Elon College, about including the show in the program of CELEBRATE! festivities.

Kearns decided that she wanted to do a tap concert last spring and has been arranging "Tapped Out" ever since. In August, Kearns approached Teem and senior Jenee Cariello and asked them to co-direct the show.

"You're not asked to co-direct things a lot, especially a first show, so it's very exciting," Teem said.

Since auditions were held in November, Kearns, Cariello and Teem have been conceptualizing, choreographing and rehearsing pieces with the dancers. They have also had weekly production meetings where they worked out the logistics of the program and put together advertisements.

"I don't feel that I'm the one artistic director," Kearns said of the show's collaborative nature. "I think we're tri-directors. Artistically, all three of us are driving this."

Medler has also been actively involved with "Tapped Out." The

A&E IN BRIEF

Art students' senior thesis exhibition now on display

"Pawn Shoppe," the 2008 art students' senior thesis exhibition, will be on display in Elon West Gallery through April 30. The exhibition is free and features the work of 11 senior art students.

"Pawn Shoppe" is the first of two senior thesis exhibitions that will take place and features projects in a variety of areas including photography, digital art, ceramics and painting. The gallery is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

RiverRun International Film Festival starts today in Winston-Salem

The RiverRun International Film Festival, known for showcasing independent, international and student filmmakers, starts today in Winston-Salem and will run through April 28. The festival, co-founded by "Law and Order: Criminal Intent" star Vincent D'Onofrio, screens feature-length and short films and features regional premieres, panel discussions and celebrity tributes. Films screened at RiverRun in the past include "Take the Lead," "The Notebook" and "Murderball."

All regular film screenings are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students. They can be purchased at one of the festival's box offices or at the venue of each screening. For more information, visit www.riverrunfilm.com.

Exonerated inmate visits campus for film screening

Exonerated inmate Darryl Hunt visited Elon on Monday for a discussion and film screening in LaRose Digital Theater in the Koury Business Center. Hunt spent almost two decades in prison for a murder he did not commit. "The Trials of Darryl Hunt," a documentary about his case, was selected for the documentary competition at the Sundance Film Festival in 2006. This event was sponsored by the Elon Center for Public Affairs, the Elon School of Law Innocence Project, the Elon Pre-Law Society and the Multicultural Center at Elon.

Student discount tickets available for Triad Stage production

Student discount tickets will be available one hour before curtain time at Triad Stage for the production "From the Mississippi Delta." Students can purchase a ticket for \$7 with a student ID. The show will run April 27 to May 18. Triad Stage is located at 232 S. Elm St. in downtown Greensboro. Visit www.triadstage.org for more information.

MOVIE REVIEW ★★★

Jet Li, Jackie Chan 'kick it' in their first movie together

Adam Constantine
Reporter

If you base your thinking solely on logic, the laws of physics and reality, then "The Forbidden Kingdom" will not be high on your priority list. To fully enjoy this movie you need to have a childlike belief in what happens on the screen. Why is this? Well, they fly. A lot.

This film, which places actors Jackie Chan and Jet Li in their first movie together, takes place in the Middle Kingdom of ancient China. It starts in the streets of south Boston where Kung Fu fanatic Jason Tripitikas (Michael Angarano) goes into Chinatown to buy Kung Fu paraphernalia.

Upon his arrival, he becomes fixated with a staff that the owner has had in his collection for several

generations, waiting for "its rightful owner" to claim it. When street thugs attack the store and its owner, he gives the staff to Jason for safekeeping. After receiving the staff, he finds himself being chased by the gang of thugs.

Just when all seems lost for Jason, the staff transports him to the Middle Kingdom in ancient China. It is here where Jason meets Lu Yan (Jackie Chan) and The Silent Monk (Jet Li), who put apart their differences to help Jason on his quest to return its staff to the rightful owner.

From the beginning, it is apparent where the focus of the movie is: the Kung fu action scenes. Action choreographer Yuen Wo-Ping, who has also choreographed "The Matrix," "Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon" and "Kill Bill," did another spectacular job of making the action scenes more than just a forgettable Kung Fu fighter movie.

The plot, which seems eerily similar to "A Kid in King Arthur's Court," is amusing and light-hearted with moments that will crack you up. But some of those moments are from the silliness and

predictability of the film.

Chan brings his Kung Fu expertise along with his comical personality to the movie, which takes the emphasis off of the plot. His drunken character gives him plenty of room for his unorthodox fighting style and confusing techniques of taking down multiple enemies in seconds.

Li, an actor who said his last movie was three movies ago, played a solid role as the quieter but more balanced of the two martial arts experts. He and Chan did a good job blending with each other without one overshadowing the other.

Michael Angarano played the predictable role of the lost American boy in a foreign land. While some of his humor was a little forced, the moments that called for intense emotion were what grounded the movie in the end.

This movie is one that has comedy, action and an ending that will make you chuckle at the very least. This is a good pick to help you unwind.

MOVIE REVIEW ★★★★★

'Forgetting Sarah Marshall' is anything but forgettable

Alexa Milan
A&E Editor

After a brief losing streak with "Walk Hard" and "Drillbit Taylor," Judd Apatow finally produced another winner with "Forgetting Sarah Marshall."

Composer Peter Brenner (Jason Segel) has been happily dating Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell), the star of the "CSI"-inspired TV show "Crime Scene," for the last five and a half years. But Peter's life is turned upside down when Sarah tells him that she's leaving him for another man.

After an awkward breakup that involves Peter standing naked in his living room as he cries and begs Sarah not to leave, Peter spends his days moping around his apartment and eating giant bowls of cereal. Peter's step-brother, Brian (Bill Hader), encourages him to get out of town and forget about Sarah, so Peter jets off to Hawaii for a vacation.

Forgetting about Sarah proves impossible when she shows up at the same hotel as Peter with her new boyfriend, Aldous Snow (Russell Brand), the sex-obsessed front man of the band Infant Sorrow.

As Sarah and Aldous bask in the publicity their stay at the hotel has spawned, Peter tries to distract himself with the hotel's eclectic staff and guests, including Aldous-obsessed waiter Matthew (Jonah Hill) and carefree, off-the-wall surfing instructor Chuck (Paul Rudd). Peter finds the most solace



Mila Kunis and Jason Segel star in "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," now playing at West End Cinemas. Photo courtesy of www.movies.yahoo.

with Rachel (Mila Kunis), the sympathetic and supportive front desk attendant. As Peter and Rachel begin to develop feelings for each other, Peter must decide whether to keep trying to win back the girl he's loved for so long or to take a chance with someone new.

While "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" does not have quite the same level of raunch and wit that made "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," "Knocked Up" and "Superbad" such comedic triumphs, it still has the winning combination of a hilarious cast, a sharp script and the Apatow touch.

Segel gives a solid performance as a leading man after his supporting role in "Knocked Up." He makes Peter an everyman, trying to achieve the perfect career and find the perfect girl, but he also doesn't ignore his flaws. He makes it clear that Peter messed up in his relationship with Sarah too, and the audience appreciates him for being real. He gives Peter just the right balance of charm, wit and loveable dorkiness.

In addition to his starring role, Segel also wrote the screenplay and a lot of the music that appears in the film. "Sarah Marshall" should give this multi-talented comic the

exposure he needs to get the kind of career he deserves.

The supporting cast is equally strong and equally hilarious. Though Bell's Sarah is undoubtedly self-centered and controlling, one can't help but think she is not a complete ice queen. Bell shows that in her way, Sarah feels the same sting of pain and regret that Peter does.

Kunis' Rachel is the exact opposite of Sarah. Where Sarah is sassy, Rachel is sweet. Where Sarah has her head in the clouds, Rachel is down to earth. Kunis makes her instantly likeable.

Brand is hysterical as oblivious rock-god Aldous, and Rudd steals every scene he's in as Chuck. With Rudd's spot-on comic timing, he should be the next Apatow supporting player to step into a leading role.

Also, be sure to stick around after the credits start rolling to catch a hilarious cameo.

Though not quite on par with "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," "Knocked Up" and "Superbad," "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" is equal parts wit, charm, heart and hilarity and should restore fans' faith in Apatow as the king of comedy.

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ArtBeat Calendar:

Saturday April 27 marks the start of CELEBRATE! week, but Elon isn't the only place students can find an abundance of arts events. April 27 is also the beginning of ArtBeat, Greensboro's first city-wide celebration of the arts. For more information and a complete list of events, visit www.artbeatgreensboro.org. Here are a few of the week's highlights:

April 27
Art exhibitions
Weatherspoon Art Museum at 1 p.m.
Free

Eastern Music Festival presents
Polecat Creek
Center City Park at 6:30 p.m.
Free

April 28
Bicentennial Concert
Carolina Theatre at 7:30 p.m.
Free

Bruce Springsteen and the
E-Street Band
Greensboro Coliseum at 7:30 p.m.
Ticket information online

April 29
Eastern Music Festival Jazz and
Blues
Liberty Oak at 6 p.m.
Free

Costume designs by William Ivey
Long
Carolina Theatre at 7:30 p.m.
Ticket information online

April 30
"Bitter Moon" film screening with
actor Peter Coyote
Weatherspoon Art Museum at 7 p.m.
\$5 donation suggested

"Jersey Shore House"
Brown Building Theatre at 7 p.m.
Ticket information online

May 1
St. Petersburg Ballet presents
"Romeo and Juliet"
Carolina Theatre at 7 p.m.
Ticket information online

Greensboro Symphony
War Memorial Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.
Ticket information online

May 2
"Dixie Swim Club"
Broach Theater at 8 p.m.
Tickets available at the theater box office

"Almost, Maine"
Open Space Café Theatre at 8 p.m.
Tickets \$15 at the theater box office

May 3
"Jewels: Fifty Phenomenal Black
Women Over Fifty"
African American Atelier at 10 a.m.
Free

Carolina Blues Festival
Festival Park at 2 p.m.
Tickets start at \$20

May 4
"Facing South: Portraits by NC
Artists"
Green Hill Center for NC Art at 2 p.m.
Free

"From the Mississippi Delta"
Triad Stage at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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Great pitching shines in series sweep



DAVID WELLS | Assistant Photo Editor

Senior Debbie Zeigler attempts to throw out an Appalachian State runner at first in Saturday's game against the Mountaineers.

Tamara Burnett
Reporter

For a team working to improve its confidence and positive mentality, a three-game sweep of Appalachian State this past weekend certainly proved to be a step in the right direction.

The Phoenix improved to 21-19, 9-6 in the SoCon after winning both games of the Saturday doubleheader, 5-0 and 5-1, and then beating ASU, 10-9 on Sunday afternoon.

"We are a tough, talented and athletically strong team," assistant coach Cathy Bocock said. "Our confidence and will are two of the things we are working on and today we were mentally fighting every inning."

Junior Jaimie Rao gave Elon an offensive spark going three for four with four RBIs in Sunday's game.

After the Mountaineers took an early lead, Rao tripled in the bottom of the first to score three runs, tying the game at three.

Both teams battled back and forth and with the game tied at 9-9 in the bottom of the eighth, freshman Allison Hartman was able to put Elon on top for good.

She singled with the bases

loaded and one out, driving in Debbie Zeigler, allowing Elon fans to celebrate the sweep.

"Our energy in the dugout was just so high today," Rao said. "We could just tell how we connected so well with the bats."

Samantha Schroeder got the win for the Phoenix, allowing just two hits and two walks in her two innings of relief.

Pam DelPizzo started the game but struggled to make it out of the first inning.

Melanie Helterbran replaced her, pitching six innings allowing nine hits and five earned runs.

"You have got to be ready to go and play at all times," Helterbran said. "When I go in I know what my job is and that I need to get it done."

DelPizzo got the win in Saturday's first game, striking out eight opponents over seven innings.

Helterbran allowed just one earned run over seven innings in Saturday's nightcap.

Throughout the doubleheader, the Phoenix combined for 18 hits led by freshman standout Jacki Gonzalez who went 5-for-7 with four runs and Zeiger who went 4-for-7 with three runs scored.

The Phoenix looks to keep its confidence high as it heads into the final stretch of the season.

This weekend the team will again be back in SoCon action playing a three-game series against UNC Greensboro at Greensboro.

UNCG currently has a record of 15-29, with a mere two wins against SoCon opponents (2-10).

This will be the Phoenix first meeting against UNCG this season.

Last year, Elon boasted a 3-2 record over the Spartans during regular season play.

Elon is currently battling Georgia Southern University for second place in the SoCon standings.

After the UNCG series, the Phoenix has only one more series against SoCon foe College of Charleston. Charleston is the third team tied for second place.

As the team returns to the field this week, it plans to keep up the high intensity displayed this weekend.

"I did not see them quit," Bocock said. "They played like they were in a boxing ring and they threw every punch until the final knockout."



DAVID WELLS | Assistant Photo Editor

Melanie Helterbran hits the ball in Sunday's game against Appalachian State. The Phoenix won 10-9.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Two Phoenix tennis players grab accolades

Elon sophomores Deanna Bailey and Anna Milian were both named to the First Team All-Southern Conference in both singles and doubles.

Bailey recorded a 13-8 mark at No. 1 singles this spring, including a 7-2 record in SoCon. Last season, she became the first Elon women's tennis star to earn SoCon Freshman of the Year and First Team All-SoCon accolades.

Milian has amassed an 18-4 record, 8-1 SoCon at No. 2 singles since coming to Elon in January. The No. 1 doubles team of Bailey and Milian has earned a 16-4 record, 7-2 SoCon this year.

Baseball team loses SoCon series

Playing the College of Charleston in S, the Phoenix lost two of three games to the SoCon foe.

In the first game on Friday, Steven Hensley tied Elon's record of career strikeouts with 274 while the Phoenix held off the Cougars 15-14. Cory Harrilchak went 3-for-5 in the contest with 2 runs scored and an RBI.

On Saturday, the Phoenix bats were silenced by the Cougars in a 7-1 loss. Harrilchak singled in the seventh to extend his team-best hitting streak to 12 games.

The Cougars offense won the game on Sunday, grabbing the series with a 13-6 victory over the Phoenix. Third baseman Bennett Davis went 4-for-2 with one RBI and one run scored.

Next weekend, Elon is traveling to Greensboro to take on UNC Greensboro in a three-game SoCon series. The Phoenix only has three more SoCon series before the tournament begins in late May.

Softball star collects honors

Junior catcher Jaimie Rao was named the Southern Conference softball Player of the Week. It marks the third time this season a member of the Elon softball team received a conference award.

Rao helped her team to a three-game sweep of SoCon rival Appalachian State.

The softball team is also headed to UNC Greensboro for a three-game conference series.

Hightower earns service award from the SoCon

Vicki Hightower, the Elon University Faculty Athletics Representative the past 18 years, has been honored by the SoCon as one of the recipients of the league's 2008 Distinguished Service Award.

Hightower's service has been marked by dedication to the principle of student-athletics focusing on academics first and athletics second. She has also been involved in the committees for both Division I and Division II. Hightower has specifically served as an active member of SoCon softball and baseball committees in addition to the Bylaws and Resolutions committee.

Tracy promoted to Assistant

Brian Tracy has been promoted to the position of assistant director of athletics for external affairs, Dave Blank announced Monday.

At the Southern Conference Tournament, Tracy assisted with all external affairs, including championships and special events. He also served as the SoCon's primary media relations contact for the league's cross country, golf and track and field teams.

It's Playoff Week... NBA Playoffs Schedule

Wednesday

-Boston Celtics vs. Atlanta Hawks
Game 2, 8 p.m., TNT
-Los Angeles Lakers vs. Denver Nuggets
Game 2, 10:30 p.m., TNT
-Detroit Pistons vs. Philadelphia 76ers
Game 2, 7:30 p.m., NBA TV

Thursday

-Orlando Magic vs. Toronto Raptors
Game 3, 7:30 p.m., NBA TV
-Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Washington Wizards
Game 3, 8 p.m., TNT
-Utah Jazz vs. Houston Rockets
Game 3, 10:30 p.m., TNT

Friday

-New Orleans Hornets vs. Dallas Mavericks
Game 3, 8 p.m., ESPN
-Detroit Pistons vs. Philadelphia 76ers
Game 3, 7 p.m., ESPN2
-San Antonio Spurs vs. Phoenix Suns
Game 3, 10:30 p.m., ESPN

Saturday

-Orlando Magic vs. Toronto Raptors
Game 4, 3 p.m., TNT
-Utah Jazz vs. Houston Rockets
Game 4, 10:30 p.m., ESPN
-Los Angeles Lakers vs. Denver Nuggets
Game 3, 5:30 p.m., TNT
-Boston Celtics vs. Atlanta Hawks
Game 3, 8 p.m., ESPN

Sunday

-New Orleans Hornets vs. Dallas Mavericks
Game 4, 9:30 p.m., TNT
-Detroit Pistons vs. Philadelphia 76ers
Game 4, 7 p.m., TNT
-San Antonio Spurs vs. Phoenix Suns
Game 4, 3:30 p.m., ABC
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Women's tennis ends a season of improvement

Sam Rinderman
Reporter

Appearing in its first semi-final Southern Conference game, Elon was looking to remain hot on the courts after a successful season finale and an upset victory against No. 4 UNC Greensboro.

Trying to become the first SoCon team in five years to defeat defending champions Furman University, Elon's tournament run came to an abrupt stop on Saturday as the top-seeded Paladins shut-out the Phoenix 4-0 in the semi-finals.

Furman went on to win the tournament for the ninth time out of the last 10 years.

The loss came after the team's thrilling upset victory over UNC Greensboro in the quarter-finals, where Elon advanced in the tournament with a spectacular come-from-behind victory to knock off the No. 4 seeded Spartans.

Elon's Laura Graybill rallied past UNC-G's Jess Elben 3-6, 7-5, 6-2 at the No. 6 singles lifting the fifth-seeded Phoenix to a 4-3 victory.

"Every single person on this team was a part of the win," Graybill said. "To have Hayley [Wahl] and Anna [Milian] fighting for their matches on the courts next to me, kept me going in my match."

The Spartans got off to a hot start as they led Elon 3-1 after completing doubles matches and two of the first three singles matches, but it took three consecutive singles victories for the Phoenix to complete the upset.

The last three singles matches had Elon competing at its best. First Team All-SoCon Milian, Wahl and Graybill were all the Phoenix had left after trailing 3-1.

Elon launched a furious rally as Milian won her singles match 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 and Wahl defeated her opponent 2-6, 7-5, 6-4.

The two victories by Milian and Wahl set up Graybill's thrilling victory that clinched the match.

The all-conference trio led the Phoenix to its first Southern Conference tournament win in three years.

"It made every practice up until then worthwhile," Graybill said. "It's what you work so hard for, and our team has worked so hard this season, we all earned [the first] win."

Elon finished with an overall record of 15-10 and 5-4 in the conference.

It is the first 15-victory campaign for the Phoenix since joining Division I in time for the 1999-2000 season.

Recording a 13-10 mark last year, the Phoenix earned back-to-back winning records, another first since joining the ranks of Division I.

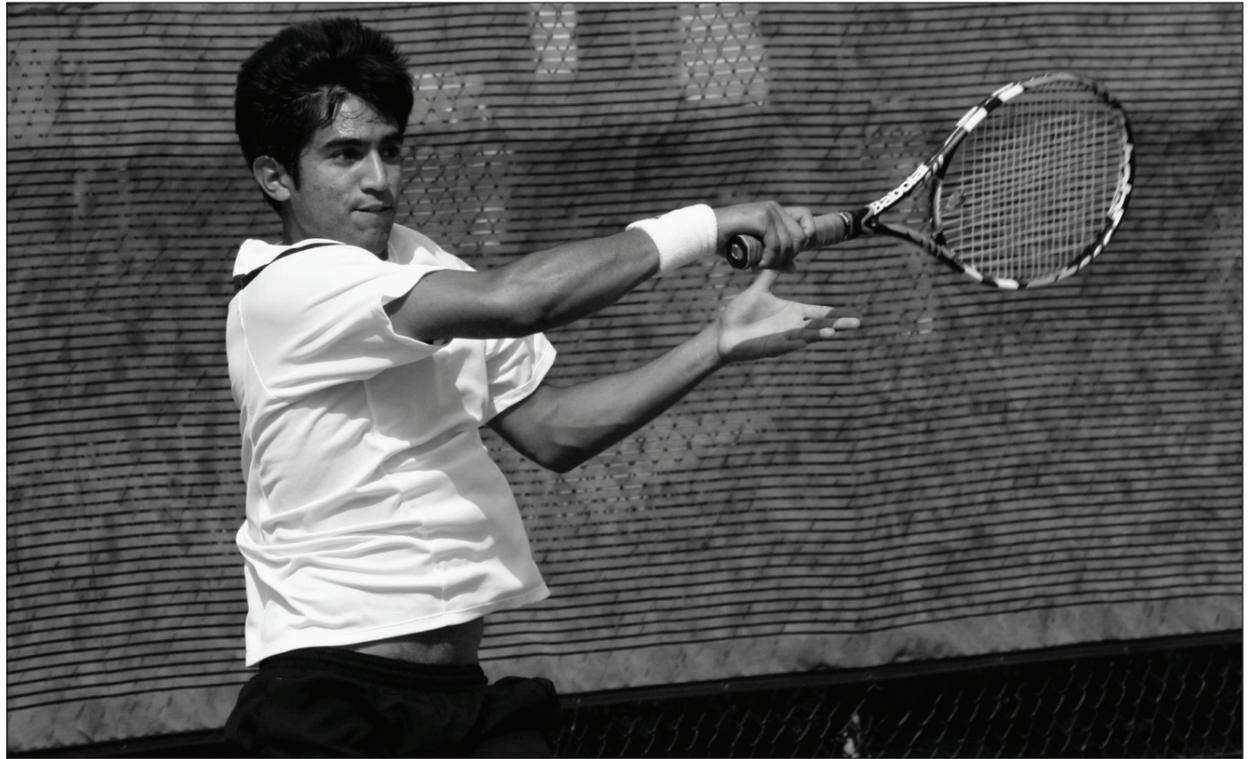
"Every year we have improved because people have started to hear about our program, which helped get our name out there for our recruiting classes," Anderson said.

There is a very bright future for the program as Graybill, Millian and Wahl are all sophomores and this year's team had no seniors.

Especially in doubles play, the girls have developed relationships that strive on and off the court.

"Our team is a very young, tight group of girls," Anderson said. "They have grown so much over the course of the season."

Eventful end for tennis



DAVID WELLS | Assistant Photo Editor

Alberto Rojas follows through to earn the point for the Phoenix in a match held earlier this season against High Point at Elon.

Furman ends men's season run

Justin Hite
Reporter

Experience will never show up on a scoreboard, but some consider it one of the most important skills in sports.

The men's tennis team was just short of the required amount to achieve victory as the Phoenix fell to Furman University 4-1 in the Southern Conference final on Sunday in Charleston.

"They came out in doubles and were very composed and very comfortable," head coach Michael Leonard said. "That's the difference between being a team full of juniors and a team full of freshmen."

The loss will more than likely cost the Phoenix another trip to the NCAA Regionals, as the team could never seem to find that elusive quality win.

"You either have to win the tournament or definitely top-50 in the country, and we aren't," Leonard said. "The bottom line is we aren't going to

get an at-large bid. We just didn't have the quality wins."

Elon lost twice to Furman and finished the season 1-7 against top-75 ranked teams. The Phoenix lone win came against No. 71 ranked Princeton in late January.

"We were kind of in those matches, but the bottom line is Furman is just a little too strong for us now," Leonard said.

After avenging the regular season loss to Wofford College, Elon was able to knock off the Terriers in the semifinals of the Southern Conference before running into the freight-training Paladins.

The match began with the doubles point, and it may have all gone down hill after juniors Damon Gooch and Philip Nemeč — First Team All-SoCon — lost in doubles and then Second Team All-SoCon doubles pair of lone senior Mason Schermerhorn and freshman Alberto Rojas lost. Furman was able to win the doubles point and

from then on set the tone.

"You are always disappointed when you lose but I felt like the team we had this year is a young team and we didn't play that well in doubles," head coach Michael Leonard. "Our freshman got really nervous and didn't handle the pressure well."

After Nemeč lost in singles, Chris Helpingstine pulled the Phoenix back to within a match. But the freshman would become the only member of the team to record a victory. Rojas and Gooch both lost in singles after the win.

"We lost the doubles point, which set the tone," Leonard said. "Furman is a good team. There is no weakness in singles."

The Phoenix ended its season with a 17-9, 7-2 record. It finished the 2008 campaign as the SoCon regular-season and tournament runner-up, ranking after Furman on both accounts.

All-SoCon Phoenix Men's Tennis

Singles

Damon Gooch — First Team All-Southern Conference

Doubles

Damon Gooch/Philip Nemeč
First Team All-Southern Conference
Alberto Rojas/Mason Schermerhorn — Second Team All-Southern Conference



DAVID WELLS | Assistant Photo Editor

Philip Nemeč returns a shot in a match earlier this season against High Point.



STEFANIE MEYERS | Photographer

LEFT: Deanna Bailey, a member of First Team All-SoCon, reaches to grab a low-ball return in a match earlier this season.

A look back at the season:

1/26 - Elon sweeps Winston-Salem State, N.C. Central in home opener.

2/28 - Elon avenges losses to Charlotte in the past two seasons with a 5-2 win.

4/6 - Elon defeats Georgia Southern for SoCon victory on Alumni Weekend.

4/18 - Elon upsets UNC-Greensboro to advance to the semi-final round. The win was the first conference triumph in three years.

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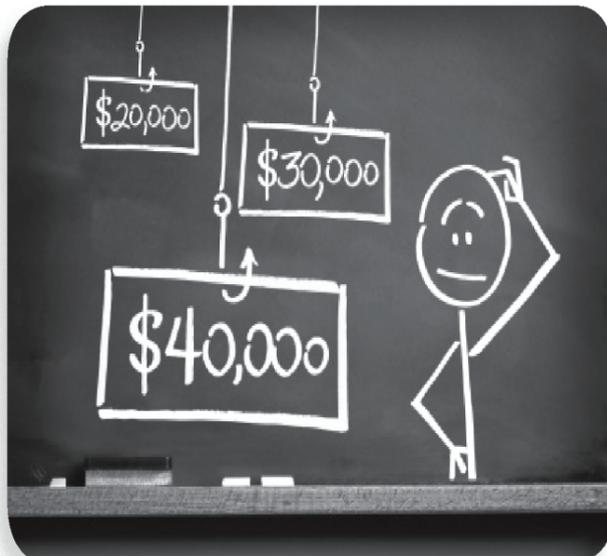


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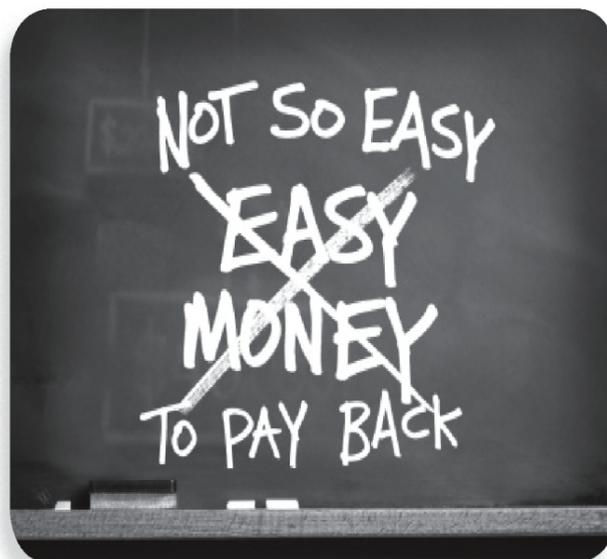


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Sports

Countdown to spring game: three days

Elon football will play its annual spring game to wrap up this month's activities

Michelle Longo
Reporter

The game establishes bragging rights in the locker room, the classroom, on the field and off the field. It is a showing of talent that will leave a taste of what is to come until the long awaited regular season begins in August.

It is the crossroads of intensity and fun, love and hate. It is spring football.

At 3 p.m. on Saturday at Rhodes Stadium, the Phoenix will face off in the annual spring game, a game that pits offense versus defense, maroon versus gold.

"The game is a culmination of 15 practices and a month's worth of work," head coach Pete Lembo said. "It is a celebration of football in the spring time."

The game is marked with a unique scoring system that allows the offense to compete against the defense, awarding points for frequent accomplishments including long drives, forced punts, sacks and turnovers.

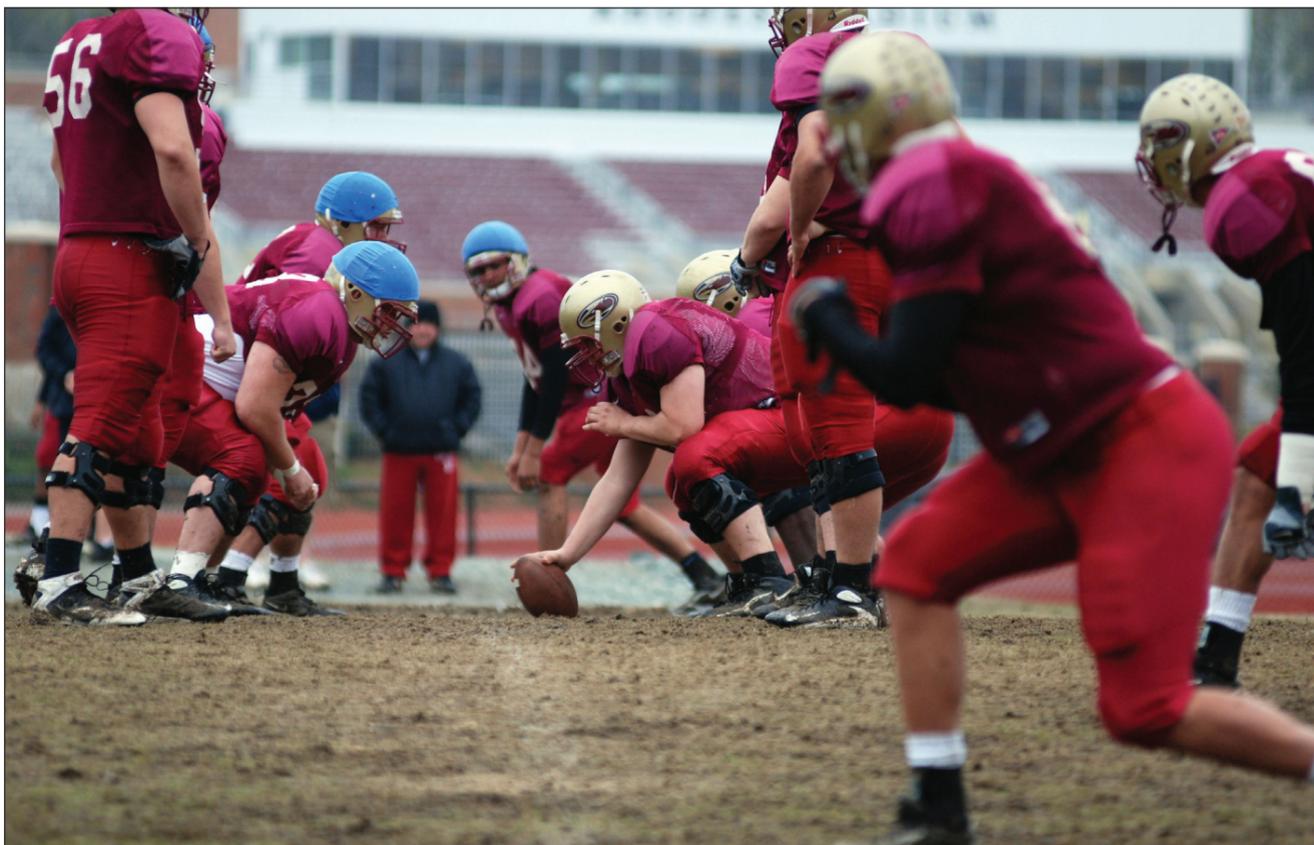
For the Phoenix, it is the last time to wear pads until regular season practice resumes in early August. It is also a chance for the football family to show what it has been doing in the offseason.

"It is the closest thing to a game until August and it is our final showing," Terrell Hudgins said. "It is something to leave an impression."

Junior wide receiver Bo Williamson and defensive lineman junior Eric Ludwig have been two of the most consistent performers this spring.

A defensive line that was weak toward the end of last season is having solid outings in recent practices.

Ludwig continues to lead the line turning out one good showing after another.



ANGIE LOVELACE | Photo Editor
The offensive and defensive lines get in their stances before the center's snap during this weekend's practice. Today marks the last day of the team's 15-session practice month.

Defensive backs Cameron McGlenn and Karols Sullivan have followed suit from Ludwig's example. Both have recorded interceptions throughout the spring practices.

Williamson has worked with quarterback Scott Riddle on third-and-long situations, pulling in some serious yardage. He has worked alongside Hudgins running routes and tallying long touchdown passes from Riddle.

"It is more than an individual person," Lembo said. "The unit of the offensive

line is really starting to gel."

The spring game is the climax of a month's worth of activities for the Phoenix. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and the Phoenix has been working with Crossroads, a non-profit sexual assault and response center.

Crossroads has been serving Alamance and the surrounding areas for more than 25 years in its efforts to reduce sexual violence and raise community awareness for adults and children.

The Phoenix has visited with the Crossroads

organization and held a table at College Coffee a few weeks ago in its continued efforts. The team also had T-shirts made that read, "We save our strength for the field."

"I think it is important what the guys are doing with Crossroads," Lembo said. "There will be several PA announcements during the game. We are trying to raise awareness."

Also in the week's events, Elon is hosting a golf outing for football alumni Friday afternoon. Friday night will play host to a career night event in which current

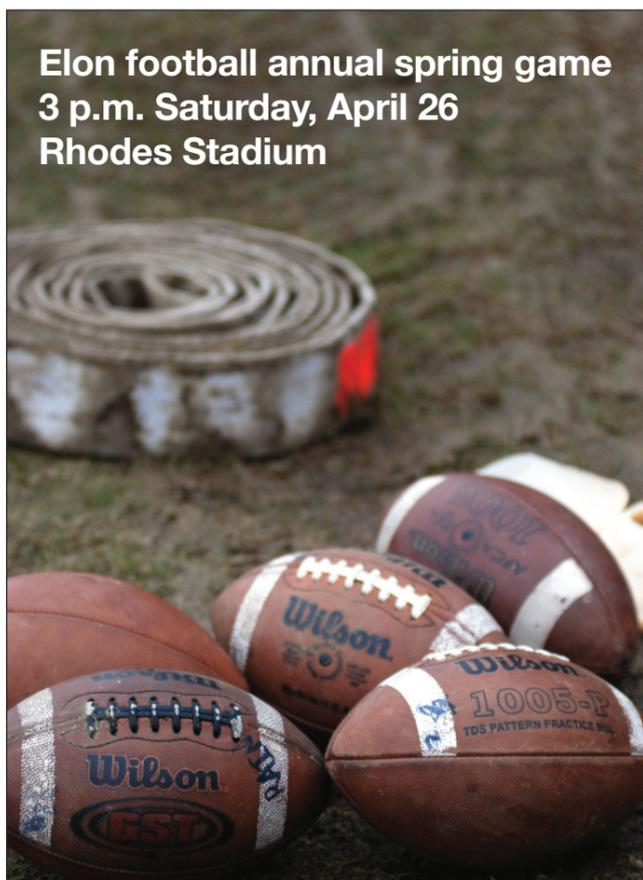
players can hear from alumni about opportunities outside of football post-Elon.

There will also be a barbecue hosted by the team for football program constitutes Saturday afternoon before the start of the game.

"One of the best things about the game is the chance to evaluate players in a more pressured environment with folks in the stands," Lembo said. "Some players shine more and some come back down to earth. It depends."



ANGIE LOVELACE | Photo Editor
Scott Riddle finished last season with a 68.1 completion percentage, connecting on 346 of his 508 passes.



ANGIE LOVELACE | Photo Editor
Rising sophomore starting quarterback Scott Riddle prepares to throw a pass during this weekend's practice.