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## THIRD EYE BLIND ROCKS ELON'S SPRING SHOW



Lead singer and guitarist of Third Eye Blind Stephan Jenkins performs on Friday, April 9th 2010. Third Eye Blind, Shwayze and Joshua James performed to a sold-out crowd at SUB's annual Spring Show on April 9 in Alumni Gym. Third Eye Blind played a variety of songs from the 1990s through their most recent hits, including "Wounded" and "Motorcycle Drive By."

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## After delays, underpass to open at end of April

Jack Rodenfels  
Senior Reporter

The Elon University pedestrian underpass, under construction since August, is scheduled to be completed by the end of the month. The tunnel construction is more than four weeks behind schedule.

Plans for fencing around the tracks, landscaping and curbing still need to be finished. Although the entirety of the project may not be done until mid-May, the underpass itself should be fully functional by the end of the month, said Gerald Whittington, senior vice president for business, finance and technology.

"Construction of the underpass had to be delayed for over a month due to inclement weather," Whittington said. "The completed underpass will provide added safety throughout the university."

According to Whittington, barring any setbacks, the grand opening is scheduled for April 30.

Additionally pending completion is the installation of safety equipment—including six 24-hour security cameras and emergency phones which are estimated for installation by Thursday, April 15, Whittington said.

The pedestrian underpass, beneath the railroad tracks parallel to Lebanon Avenue and Trollinger Avenue, will function as a way for students living south of campus and going to the south intramural fields to cross the railroad tracks safely.

"There are hundreds of students crossing (the railroad tracks) day and night," Whittington said. "The underpass will allow students to cross in a safer manner."

The North Carolina Railroad company and Elon University have been in talks for the completion of a underpass project to thwart students from crossing over the railroad tracks for the past 10 years, said Scott Saylor, president of the North Carolina Railroad.

"Elon contacted us about safety concerns and future growth of the campus," Saylor said. "It's a very

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## Lighthouse loses tax exemption status

Samantha King  
News Editor

Elon University lost its ability to claim Lighthouse Tavern as tax exempt in early April when Alamance County Tax Office audited the property.

The building came into question when the tax office realized alcoholic beverages were being served and the general public had been allowed in, an action against Lighthouse's bylaws and a reason Elon filed for tax exempt status in 2009.

Although Gerald York, Alamance County tax official, said allowing outsiders in is not against code, the university wrote Lighthouse would not

be open to the public in the tax exempt form. Until late March 2010, the general public had been admitted.

Gerald Whittington, senior vice president of business, finance and technology, said Lighthouse began allowing the practice last summer when a campus group petitioned for the public to be admitted.

"The statute is very clear. (Lighthouse) must be used wholly and exclusively for educational purposes," York said. "(Lighthouse) has no classroom activities, sold beer for profit and until last week, the general public had been admitted."

York said the purpose of the audit was to see if Lighthouse matched the requirements listed in section 501(c) of

the tax-exempt status.

"My position is that they are not exempt," York said. "They can reapply next year or appeal."

Robert Dunlap, program director for Lighthouse Tavern, said in a previous interview that Lighthouse was much an educational facility. Dunlap said students use the facility to gain leadership experience by planning and hosting events, booking venues and even planning fundraising events there.

Whittington, said the university will have no official status on whether they will appeal until after they receive York's letter citing exactly why Lighthouse lost exemption.

Since the university was exempt in

2009, York said the university will not be required to pay back taxes since the tax office "made a mistake." Clearly Lighthouse was overlooked, York said.

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# Elon student hospitalized after accident involving high-speed chase

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Elon University sophomore Laura Levitt is being treated at Duke Medical Center after an automobile accident on I-85 Monday, April 5.

According to Greg Mitchell, an N.C. highway patrol officer, Durham County Deputies were chasing DeMarcus Griggs, 22, when he hit Levitt's car at more than 100 miles per hour. Her vehicle flipped an estimated eight to 10 times.

Mitchell said Levitt landed on the shoulder of the highway, and witnesses proceeded to help her until the deputy arrived at the scene. She was then airlifted to the hospital.

Griggs initially ran into the woods but was eventually taken into custody and is being held at the Durham county jail on a \$300,000 bond. He is charged with a felony hit-and-run, in addition to other charges.

Chris Levitt, her brother, said she was originally being treated in the ICU, but has since stabilized.

He said she was moved from the ICU on Saturday, April 12.

"Her recovery has been incredibly swift thus far, and that is really a testament to her willpower," he said. "Despite her physical pain and weakness, she has managed to maintain mental and emotional strength."

Laura was underwent surgery on her knee April 12, because it was damaged by asphalt and glass.

"Laura is tired from the surgery, but she is recovering well," Chris said. "Unfortunately, the doctors found a few more minor fractures in her leg and are fairly certain she has broken her collarbone as well, but all in all,

she is continuing to recover very well."

Christ Levitt said Laura is aware that she will have permanent visible scarring on her feet and legs from extensive stitches, but she said she doesn't mind.

"She feels truly lucky to be alive," he said. "She seems thrilled by the support she has received from the Elon community, but at this point I think the support has been most beneficial for my parents."

Kristi Ferguson, a sophomore at Virginia Tech and Levitt's best friend, created a Facebook page entitled "Pray for Laura Levitt," which has grown from 574 members Wednesday afternoon to 970 members at press time.

"When Laura first came off of the anesthesia and was allowed to be awake most of the day, her family read her quotes from the group and Laura was smiling and happy to see that so many people love her and are praying for her," Ferguson said.

Though Levitt's memory is foggy, Ferguson said she is focused on getting better and out of the hospital.

"I don't think anyone knows the time frame in terms of her eventual release from the hospital and total recovery just yet," Chris said.

He said the Elon administration has been understanding of Levitt's condition.

"It seems that they will work with Laura to ensure that this term still counts and to make sure she graduates on time," he said.

Ferguson said she is confident that Levitt will regain her strength.

"She really is an amazing woman and she is healing at an incredible rate," she said.



Laura Levitt is located second from left.



Photos courtesy of the "Pray for Laura Levitt" Facebook group. The group was created by Kristi Ferguson, a sophomore at Virginia Tech and Levitt's best friend. The group has grown from 574 members Wednesday, April 7 to 970 Monday, April 12.

Cards and flowers can be sent to Room 2321 in Duke Hospital or through "send a card to a patient" at [www.dukehealth.org](http://www.dukehealth.org).

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## Ingle unopposed in bid for re-election to NC House

Caitlin O'Donnell  
Assistant News Editor

Former Town of Elon Police Chief Dan Ingle is running unopposed in upcoming elections to represent District 64 in the North Carolina State House of Representatives.

Ingle, who also works as an investigator for the Campus Police at Elon University, took the position in the House last June amidst a storm of controversy when his predecessor Cary Allred resigned. According to an October 2009 article in the Raleigh News and Observer, Allred was cited for driving more than 100 miles an hour on Interstate 40, claiming he was rushing to go vote in the General Assembly.

In an interview with The Pendulum last summer, Ingle explained that after the vacancy, the Republican Party accepted names of people interested in the position. He gained a majority of votes in the first round and a selection committee then appointed him unanimously.

Ingle said his degree in political science from Elon College in 1998 was a major factor in his decision to serve, but not the primary one.

"It wasn't so much my interest in politics as it was in serving the people," he said. "I served as police chief for 18 years and have 37 years in law enforcement. This was an opportunity to continue to serve the people and to put my degree to use."

Before taking the position in the North Carolina House of Representatives, Ingle served as Alamance County commissioner for five years, which included setting the budget for the departments within the county.

"I noticed a big part of the budget went to the school system, yet we didn't have a liaison with them," he said. "I volunteered to serve as such and it helped me to understand the need of the schools and it gave them a better understanding of the physical restraints we had as a county."

As commissioner, Ingle also set up a food market for local farmers to sell excess crops as well as a program to preserve farmland in Alamance County.

When Ingle entered the House last June, representatives were right in the middle of the budget process and tough decisions had to be made.

"I had to get to know everyone,

learn the faces and the people, get acclimated to the area, find my office, hire an assistant, all in the last few months of the session," he said. "It was challenging, but I like challenges."

Ingle said it feels strange to run unopposed in both the primary and general elections.

"I'm ready to go out and hit the campaign trail and it didn't happen," he said. "What it does allow me to do is focus more on the job at hand."

As a result, Ingle has established meetings on Saturday mornings where town members will have the opportunity to share and discuss problems with the local legislature.

During last year's session, Ingle said he is particularly proud of an amendment on racial profiling which he sponsored.

"It was a very simple amendment, but it passed unanimously, meaning folks are listening and I was able to convey what I had to say," he said.

In his coming term, Ingle said he plans to focus on five local bills, including a family justice center in Alamance County for victims of domestic violence, which will make their legal process for victims more expedient and safe. He said he will also work to correct disputes over county lines.

Ingle said the toughest agenda item the House will focus on is the budget.

"Just like every other part of the country, there is no money and we need to start creating jobs," he said. "I am a firm believer that to create jobs, we must decrease taxes for small businesses in order to encourage them to hire more people."

In order to decrease taxes, Ingle said certain funds and programs may need to be cut.

"When you look at where we're at in terms of the size of government, it's been fine during years of prosperity," he said. "But now that we've seen hard times, we're going to have to start thinking outside of the box."

Ingle said he looks forward to serving and hopes to stay in the position for at least a few terms.

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FORMER TOWN OF ELON  
POLICE CHIEF

## Roommates communicate through text messaging during burglary attempt

Eva Hill  
Senior Reporter

The Town of Elon Police responded to a 911 call for a burglary in progress at Sheridan Apartments, and the residents used text messaging to communicate with one another during the break-in.

According to resident Holland Felts, a junior at Elon, all doors in the apartment were locked and the suspect entered and exited through her roommate's window. The other two residents were unable to be reached for comment.

"The offender came in through my roommate's window and knocked on the door. I texted my roommate and she went into the closet and called 911," Felts said. "Nothing was taken, and Elon Police quickly arrived to the scene and were really helpful and nice."

The incident occurred around 5 a.m. on Saturday, April 10.

According to the department's incident report, resident Kristin Lueck, a junior at Elon, heard someone banging on the front door and ringing the doorbell. Five minutes later, she heard someone run down the stairs and observed a

tall, skinny shadow in her doorway.

According to the incident report, officer Blake Tillotson arrived at the scene and called Burlington's K-9 unit after getting the victim's statement.

Tillotson asked the K-9 unit to run a track starting at the location where the suspect exited the residence. The Burlington Police unit was unsuccessful in locating the suspect.

The incident report stated the lock on the window was broken after the break-in, and Tillotson advised one of the residents to get the lock fixed as soon as possible.

The residents searched the apartment and reported no missing items, but plan to check the residence again. The case is still under further investigation, and there are no suspect leads at this time.

Smith Jackson, vice-president and dean of student life, said the students made good decisions in this situation.

"They were very wise to have the door locked and to not answer the door," Jackson said. "She was able to report the burglary while it was in progress, and the police responded in about two minutes."

## Tunnel surveillance projected to enhance safety of Elon students

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worthwhile safety project that will improve safety for both the public and the railroad."

The North Carolina Railroad hired Crowder Construction, out of Apex, to complete the underpass project. A five-man crew from Crowder Construction has worked for the entirety of the project.

The most important aspect of the underpass project has been the emphasis on student safety, Saylor said. With six 24-hour surveillance cameras, maximum lighting, and no designed corners, visibility and safety shouldn't be a problem.

Fencing that currently runs along the railroad tracks on West Trollinger Avenue will be erected for the entirety of the railroad tracks that run through campus. The fencing will run from the corner of South Williamson Avenue and East Lebanon Avenue down the tracks to Oak Avenue, Whittington said.

The underpass will be completed with four openings—two north of the railroad tracks and two south of the tracks. An inclined ramp is built

adjacent to each side of the railroad tracks so that service and maintenance vehicles will be able to access the underpass, when necessary. A set of stairs is built opposite of each ramp.

According to Whittington, there has been an expressed need of construction of some type of underpass that students can safely access to avoid potential accidents and injuries on the railroad tracks.

"Duke University, N.C. State University, and UNC-Chapel Hill all have similar pedestrian underpasses so students can safely cross the railroad tracks," Whittington said. "To provide our students with the safest campus we can, the construction of the underpass is a necessity."

Financially, the project cost 2.2 million dollars, with one million dollars of the total funding coming from the North Carolina Railroad Company and the additional 1.2 million coming from the University.

"The underpass will allow the trains to run more efficiently, while keeping student safety as a top priority," Saylor said.

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# Elon recognizes first Phi Beta Kappa inductees

Amanda Bender  
Senior Reporter

Elon University added its own chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa, Eta chapter. Phi Beta Kappa is a nationally recognized honors fraternity for students who excel in the liberal arts and sciences. Elon is the seventh institution in North Carolina to have a chapter.

"(Phi Beta Kappa) is a sign that the student has achieved a degree of excellence in the study of the liberal arts and sciences," said Russell Gill, professor of English and president of Elon's chapter. "It means that the student is graduating from an institution that is among the very best of the liberal arts and sciences institutions in the United States."

Phi Beta Kappa was founded in 1776 at the College of William and Mary and is the nation's oldest honors fraternity. About 10 percent of the colleges and universities in the United States have Phi Beta Kappa chapters. Each year, only one out of every 100 college seniors in the nation are inducted into the fraternity.

"It is a sign that it is a superior institution offering the arts and sciences courses," Gill said. "It is a sign of excellence, a certification of excellence. The requirements that Phi Beta Kappa makes of an institution help keep it excellent and serve as a standard of continuing excellence."

The other six institutions in North Carolina with Phi Beta Kappa chapters are Duke University, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, Wake Forest University, Davidson College, University of North Carolina Greensboro and North Carolina State University.

"I think (Phi Beta Kappa) really brings

attention to what Elon is doing, how much it is growing and the quality of academics that they have to offer students," senior Paige Kensing said. "I think it was a little bit under the radar before. Now I think people are actually starting to recognize it as a top North Carolina school."

Kensing is an exercise sports science major and co-captain of the women's varsity tennis team, as well as a new member of Phi Beta Kappa.

"I think it is a really prestigious honor. I have had so many people come up to me, congratulate me and tell me they had once aspired to get inducted into Phi Beta Kappa," Kensing said. "I take it as a really big honor, especially to be in the first class inducted here at Elon."

-RUSSELL GILL  
PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

Kensing plans to study physical therapy at UNC-Chapel Hill next year. From there, she hopes to find her passion in the field and eventually open her own business.

In total, 47 Elon seniors were invited to join the Eta chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

Students invited into the Eta chapter were selected from those with the top GPAs in the class of 2010. From there, Gill said the committee choosing the inductees analyzed each student's course load for courses in the arts and sciences, especially focusing on math and foreign languages. They looked at whether they were an engaged student and of good character.

"Do they seem to be active in the life of the mind?" Gill said of the qualifications. "Do they seem to enjoy intellectual and academic pursuits? And how about character? Do they exhibit proper character?"

# Legal clinics adjust practices for economy

Rachel Southmayd  
Senior Reporter

In Elon University's School of Law, legal clinics serve as important learning tools for students. But many legal clinics are modifying practices because of the economy.

The Elon University School of Law has three clinics that serve different purposes.

The first is the wills clinic, which works with lower-income families.

Margaret Kantelehner, an associate professor of law, the director of the externship program, and the faculty advisor for the wills clinic, said more students are participating in the clinics in these tough economic times.

"Students need experience and it's harder to find summer and part-time jobs," she said.

The needs of the client are also changing.

"We're finding we're having to become more flexible with appointment times," Kantelehner said. "(The clients) are reluctant to take off work."

Across the country, legal clinics are experiencing opposition from legislators. The state of Maryland has passed legislation mandating the University of Maryland's law school clinic to release information about its clients, finances and cases. If they do not, their funding will be cut.

Conflicting interests have arisen as the University of Maryland law students take on large cases, such as the suing of one of the state's largest employers.

Other states are experiencing similar problems in their public institutions.

So far, the University of North Carolina Law School has

not experienced any legislative backlash according to Tom Kelly, associate professor of law and faculty advisor of UNC's Community Development Law Clinic.

"We have always had tremendous support from both the law school administration and the legislature," he said.

Kelly said he believed the United States does a "shameful" job providing low-income citizens with legal counsel. Constitutionally, the government is only required to provide legal counsel in criminal cases, not civil cases. The only organizations that can help are law school clinics and state legal services.

"Without a doubt, the strain on law school clinics and state legal services is increased during tough economic times," Kelly said.

He said that many fundamental rights are often at risk in civil cases, and that sometimes pursuing these cases involves attacking powerful people and organizations. These people then work to take legal clinic funding away.

"The day could come when we make someone really mad and they could take away our funding. But that day hasn't come yet, and hopefully it never will," Kelly said.

At the Elon University School of Law, these issues don't apply. Since the institution is private, the ramifications are different because it is not publically funded.

Kantelehner said she understands the conflict schools like Maryland are facing.

"I hate for clinics to not be able to pursue justice issues," she said. "But it's going to be more difficult at a state school."

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# Breaking down the legislation

## Health care reform to mandate insurance coverage, allow students to remain on parents' plan past graduation

Jack Dodson  
News Editor

In the wake of the passing of health care overhaul, college students will not only be required to have health insurance, but will also be allowed an extended period of time to stay on their parents' plans. The bill also included a provision that will increase the maximum amount given by the Federal Pell Grant program.

On March 30, President Obama made headlines across the country for signing into law a bill that seeks to reform the health insurance industry, one of the major promises of Obama's campaign platform.

American citizens will face a \$695 fine if they don't have health insurance starting in 2014, according to a CBS News report.

The passing of the Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010 marked a victory many months in the making for Obama and Democrats in Congress.

"The bill I'm signing will set in motion reforms that generations of Americans have fought for and marched for and hungered to see," said Obama as he signed the bill into law, according to a transcript on the White House Web site.

The legislation has aspects that will affect college students specifically, from an increase in the Federal Pell Grant program to the ability of people to stay on their parents' plans until they're 26 years old.

As the largest component of the bill is mandating health care for individuals in the United States, much of that aspect is already taken care of for Elon University students. According to University Physician Jim Hawkins, all students are required to have secondary health insurance before coming to Elon.

While health services at the university are pre-paid, Hawkins said students need coverage for outside needs like trips to

the emergency room.

He said that students don't always have insurance, though, because they may have lost it while they were in college. These are the students who will be most affected by the health care bill.

"We have students here that don't have insurance," Hawkins said. "Most of those turn out to be students that had insurance when they came and, because of the economic times, parents have lost jobs or changed jobs and have lost insurance."

He said he occasionally sees students who need operations but don't have health coverage and can't cover the costs.

"That's when people start falling through the cracks of our system," he said.

Under the new law, he said students without health insurance would fall in two categories. Either they would have to get insurance, or they could qualify for Medicaid. The latter could happen if their parent lost their job, he said.

One of the other major components that will apply to college students is a provision that allows them to stay on their parents' plans until they are 26 years old.

"I think it's a fair aspect of the plan," said Elon parent and physician Don Carmichael. "Now the question is, 'would that potentially raise the cost to the parents?'"

Carmichael is a physician in a private practice in Virginia. He said he isn't happy with the legislation overall. But he is in favor of keeping kids on health care plans for longer.

"That allows these kids to be covered while they're looking for work," he said.

Hawkins said he agrees with the aspect of the plan that allows people to stay on their parents' plans longer, also.

"I think it is a good thing," Hawkins said. "A lot of kids now will leave school looking for a job ... they're without insurance coverage from the end of May until 30, 60 or 90 days until they find a

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>> Impacts on college students <<

- COST: \$940 billion over 10 years
- Children can stay on their parents' health care plans until they are 26
- Pre-existing conditions can no longer be a reason insurance companies deny coverage
- New Insurance plans must have preventive care
- The Federal Pell Grant program would see increases in maximum amount
- Nutrient content disclosure from chain restaurants required
- Better customer information on the Web

Sources: CBS News and The Huffington Post

SARAH BETH COSTELLO | Graphics Editor

job."

He said insurance may not cover the recent college graduate for six months, leaving them without coverage during that period of time.

Another facet of the legislation was a student loans bill that passed along with the health care bill. According to a New York Times article, the loans aspect eliminates fees paid to banks to acts as intermediaries on student loans.

Along with this part of the bill, the Federal Pell Grant program will see an

increase in its maximum amount.

Carmichael said he thought this was a "sweetener" added to the bill in order to garner support.

"Basically, it's what Congress had to do to get it passed," he said.

Carmichael said overall he would have preferred other options to the bill. He said he has spoken on panels regarding the health care bill and is more in favor of alternative options like allowing insurance companies to compete across state lines.

## Love School of Business to offer summer session for non-majors

Kristi Jacobson  
Reporter

The Love School of Business at Elon University will offer its second annual summer business session for non-majors beginning in June with the intention of giving participants an overview of business principles.

The program is available for all juniors, seniors and recent college graduates who are not business majors or minors. Participants do not have to be enrolled Elon students.

The institute will supply students with the fundamentals important for success in all business environments, while helping students with the job search process by strengthening their interview skills and boosting their resumes. Students will also have the opportunity to work with faculty members to construct a job search plan and learn how to best market themselves.

According to Coleman Rich, lecturer of operations and supply chain management, a variety of business curriculum will be covered during the two-week program. Participants will learn business principles such as accounting, finance, management, marketing, human resources and business ethics. Essential career skills will also be taught, including: Project management, business communication, selling methodologies, personal finance, leadership, resume writing and interviewing.

Along with the academic topics, the program allows students participation in field trips and attendance in presentations from guest speakers.

"This program is going to be fun," said Christopher Dorsey, senior and student contributor for the program. "It's not constant lectures. It's field trips, guest speakers, baseball games and hands on learning. It's going to be such a comfortable atmosphere as no one in the program will be a business major...so everyone will be at the same level."

Elon's Love School of Business' full-time faculty members will teach the classes. Faculty will also include highly qualified professionals from the Triad and Triangle areas of North Carolina.

The Summer Business Institute schedule will run



Professor Patrick Bell teaches an Introduction to Management course. Business courses such as accounting, finance, management, marketing, human resources and business ethics will be taught at the second annual summer business session.

from June 2 to June 19, 2010. Classes will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Instructors will assign work to be completed outside of class, but there will be no exams or grades. The course is graded on a pass / no pass basis. A student must actively participate in the program in order to earn a certificate.

"For me, the Summer Business Institute is foremost a chance to learn new concepts, ideas and skills,"

Powell said. "But it also is a program that will allow me to transition away from what I thought I wanted to do and begin to embrace all of the possibilities that lie ahead."

There are still available spots in the program and applications are due by April 30. There will be an information session on at 7:00 p.m. April 15 in Koury Business Center, Room 145.

# Nearly half of on-campus students fail to respond to 2010 Census

Eliot Sasaki  
Senior Reporter

Tal Fish, housing operations manager of Elon University, is one of the many residence life officials across North Carolina in charge of administering the census.

His response to why Elon's on-campus students were given only two days to fill out the census was simple: it was as long as the census would allow.

"I think we did the best we could've with the resources we had and the time we had," Fish said.

At Elon, the process was held during two days — March 31 and April 1 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

According to Fish, 52 percent of on-campus students submitted the seven-question 2010 Individual Census Report.

This number deviates drastically from national participation rates of the census, determined by [www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov). Locally, 72 percent of Elon residents mailed back their census — 67 percent of North

Carolinians and 65 percent of the U.S. population did the same.

Those who lost track of time or forgot to answer the questions shouldn't panic.

"People who didn't fill out the census were accounted for," Fish said. The university provided the census information for these on-campus students.

Students living off-campus didn't receive generous netting. Instead, they are prone to the consequences of disregarding the census, such as being tracked down by a U.S. Census Bureau employee.

"Those living off-campus in housing units are the first areas we will enumerate beginning May 1," said Mike Streeter, local census office manager said. "We want to make sure to count the students before they go home for the summer or the semester is over."

Some students had a prolonged route to census completion.

"A lot of off-campus students didn't receive mail at their homes," Fish said. "If they didn't receive one in the mail,

they went to a questionnaire center."

Overall, student response to the census has been positive.

"I'm all in favor of the census," sophomore Hilary Griffin said. "I think it's a good way for the government to find out about us and I think they should do it more than once every 10 years."

Sophomore Steven Morris had a more holistic viewpoint.

"As a student, I like filling out the census because it's just as important a part of our civic duty as voting," Morris said. "It's how the government determines how much to give our school, hospitals and how to draw our congressional districts. These changes last for 10 years so it's critically important that everyone participates."

Regardless of what the national impact of the census is, locally its footprint is just as great. Thousands of temporary census jobs that have bolstered the economy continue to appear, especially in Alamance County.

"We're in the process of hiring over

1,200 people in the counties that we're responsible for," Streeter said. "The testing was concluded on Feb. 19 — we reached a number of applicants that we needed at that time."

Streeter was adamant about informing people of the census, citing three points that people should know:

1. It's very easy to complete the form.
2. It's important for funding and representation in the House of Representatives. There are 435 seats based on the census count.
3. It's extremely safe. Personally identifiable information isn't shared with agencies, law enforcement or immigration and isn't released to the public for 72 years.

Although the counting of the 2010 census is far from being over, institutions and people who administered the report are receiving praise for a job well done.

"Colleges in the area including Elon have been very cooperative and engaging in helping us with this," Streeter said. "They have all made a big difference."

## Burlington Square Mall to change ownership, add stores New investors plan changes for mall, rename it Holly Hill Mall

Hunter Parrish  
Reporter

The ownership of the Burlington Square Mall will switch over this month to a group of new investors who said they hope to make big changes in the 39-acre mall complex at the intersection of Huffman Mill Road and South Church Street.

Along with changing ownership, the Burlington Square Mall will undergo renovations inside and a name change to Holly Hill Mall.

In recent years, Burlington Square Mall has lost most of its former shops and tenants to the newer outdoor shopping complex Alamance Crossing. Stores such as JC Penny, Belk, Victoria's Secret and Hallmark moved their locations to Alamance Crossing to gain more traffic.

Burlington Square Mall store owner and Elon graduate David Higham said the mall is here to stay regardless of Alamance Crossing or the change in ownership.

"This mall receives local people that Alamance Crossing usually doesn't get," Higham said. "Most of my sales are during the holiday season when students aren't in town anyways."

Higham owns For Every Season and his newest venture, The Cotton Reserve. Higham opened his first store in the Burlington Square Mall when he was only a junior at Elon and has been involved on the property ever since. He said he recently had his best Christmas season in six years and is not worried about his stores or the mall.

Burlington Square Mall is currently about 40 to 50 percent occupied with more than 20 vacancies, according to one investor, David Morton.

The new investors in the project are all local businessmen in the area including David Morton, Clark Lindley, Chad Sharpe, Rick Gunn, Perry Nichols, Charles Hursey and Tap Johnson.

Morton plans on having more than 90 percent of the property leased out within the next few months. Already a Mexican restaurant, a large seafood restaurant and a name-brand clothing



The Cotton Reserve is the newest addition to the Burlington Square Mall. The store opened about three weeks ago and is owned by an Elon graduate.

store have made lease commitments.

Elon sophomore Caitlin Hickey said Elon students are not aware of the Burlington Square Mall or the stores there. She also said the economy has hurt malls across the country, which is especially apparent in small towns like Burlington.

"With the recession, not that many people are spending money anymore," Hickey said. "As the economy gets back on its feet, I'm sure that mall can bounce back."

Sophomore Stephanie Militello said the mall doesn't have that much

to offer Elon students.

"It took me a while to even realize there was another mall in Burlington besides Alamance Crossing," Militello said. "If they advertised and there were more stores, I think that we (Elon students) would actually shop there."

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# College student suicide rates increase nationwide

**Gabriela Szewcow**  
Design Chief

Accidents, homicides and suicides are the top-three causes of death among young adults ages 15 to 24. Suicide rates are on the rise on college campuses across the United States. R.N. Ellington Health and Counseling Center at Elon University is aware of it.

Jana Lynn Patterson, assistant vice president for student life, said there are many different causes behind suicidal attempts.

"When a student gets into a situation and there is no way out, they tend to turn to suicide," she said. "These situations can be relationships, legal situations, academics or financial (problems)."

Patterson and Student Life use many resources to help deal with students who may be in need of counseling. In their book, "College of the Overwhelmed," authors Richard Kadison and Theresa Foy Digeronimo identify other reasons students may be unhappy at college. They include pressure, competition, financial worries and social fears.

There can also be chemical or physical imbalances causing what Patterson refers to as "suicide ideation." If this is the case, a student would be assessed and medication may be prescribed.

Elon's Counseling Center takes everything seriously, according to Patterson.

"When a student says they have some sort of plan, we immediately involve the parents," she said. "We believe in safety first, and assessing the state of the student."

Karen Morgan, a counselor at Elon, said there are steps to follow when a student is possibly suicidal.

"When we see someone who is struggling with suicidal thoughts, we evaluate the frequency of thoughts

and intensity of that person's (suicidal tendencies), and the support systems available to the student as well as other pressures that person is facing," she said. The Counseling Center then works with the student to assess their current safety and to help that student get to the hospital for psychiatric evaluation if necessary.

The Counseling Center maintains an open policy.

"We like to stress that a student is not in trouble if they come to (the counseling center)," Patterson explained. "Our goal is making sure that the student is safe and getting to a point where they can function."

A threat assessment team was assembled in fall of 2009 at Elon. They meet every Monday morning to keep all areas of campus informed of issues or possible threats to students on Elon's campus. The team includes two members from Judicial Affairs, two members from the Counseling Center, two members from Residence Life, two members from the sexual assault team and members from Campus Safety, Elon Police and Disability Services. Patterson is the chair.

While suicide rates are rising at colleges around the country, statistics show Elon is not part of that increase. Patterson believes that Elon's size contributes to this.

"People are pretty in tune with other people's welfare at Elon," Patterson said. "One of Elon's strengths is the relationships people have with one another."

Patterson said the Counseling Center likes to inform Elon's students of their presence as early as possible.

"We work with the Elon 101 classes," she said. "We are also looking to beef up our Web site."

Patterson said she believes this will help in letting students know that the Counseling Center is an available resource.

## HOW TO TELL IF SOMEONE IS SUICIDAL

1. A friend may confide in someone or mention suicide or their uncontrollable thoughts, even if it seems like they are just joking.
2. If someone's behavior changes drastically, if they no longer enjoy anything, they may be depressed or contemplating suicide.
3. A person may completely isolate themselves from others if they are having suicidal thoughts.
4. Extreme weight loss or gain is another sign of depression, which could lead to thoughts of suicide.
5. If someone is completely immersing themselves in their work, and not doing anything else, he or she may be attempting to distract themselves from his or her own thoughts. This is another possible sign someone is or may become suicidal.

Source: <http://www.helium.com>

SARAH BETH COSTELLO | Graphics Editor

Morgan's strongest recommendation about dealing with the increase of suicides on college campuses is ensuring students are aware of ways to seek help for themselves or for friends.

"We always encourage students to tell someone — an RA, a faculty member, an administrator, a counselor — if they are concerned about themselves or others," she said. "After hours or on weekends, there is an administrator on call and a counselor on call, and they can be reached by calling Campus Security."

There have been cases of reported and possible suicides at Elon in the past. The most recent was Michael Foreman who was killed by a train in 2007.

"This stays on our minds," Patterson said. "Any student death is tragic. But when the death is questionable to be suicide, you're not only dealing with death, but also the dynamic of, 'Could I have done anything to prevent this?'"

Patterson said this incident taught the university and the Counseling Center how to deal with the aftermath.

"If a student dies or takes his or her own life, the campus holds a service within 24 hours," Patterson said. "The university also coordinates a memorial service with the family of the student."

Elon has a student death protocol. "We identify the groups of students who lived with that student, had class with or taught the student and then we identify people individually," Patterson said. The university works directly with those closely related to the student.

Patterson said that there is little anyone can do to prevent a suicide, unless he or she catches it in the early stages.

"Early prevention is key," she said. "When there are early signs a student is in trouble, that's when we have to act, and the student has to be responsive."

The people who are most likely to pick up on the signs are friends and concerned others.

"A friend, family member or faculty is more likely to pick up on the signs than we are," Patterson said. "So they have to be the ones who act on it when they feel something is wrong."

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# Government questions legality of unpaid student internships

Caitlin O'Donnell  
Assistant News Editor

When Hannah Nelson goes to work this summer, there is one thing she won't be expecting — a paycheck.

Nelson, a first year communications fellow at Elon, will be interning at the U.S. Holocaust Museum and said she considers the experience she will gain a fair substitute for a salary.

As the economy has worsened, companies are increasingly hiring unpaid interns such as Nelson, causing the federal government to question the legality of this essentially free labor.

Nagatha Tonkins, director of internships for the School of Communications, said though there are still some paid internships available, they are very competitive and the deadline for applications is usually early.

"We have found that, because of the economy, some companies which were once paying interns had to scale back and are no longer offering paid positions," she said.

Though not all unpaid internships are illegal, Steve Friedland, professor of law at Elon, said that the context of the position matters.

"If an internship is really a contract for the promotion of the employer, and the employer avoids paying minimum wage as required by law, then it could very well be unlawful," he said. "An internship that exists for the primary purpose of benefitting the intern and is consistent with academic or vocational advancement likely would be permissible."

M. Patricia Smith, solicitor for the U.S. Department of Labor, is beginning to implement stronger enforcement of labor laws involving unpaid internships.

Friedland said in all likelihood, the government would never make all unpaid internships illegal.

According to a January 2010 report produced by the Employment and Training Administration of the Department of Labor, unpaid internships are required to meet six criteria in order to be legal.

These include training that benefits the employee and is equivalent to that given in a vocational school and that the employer derives no immediate advantage from the work.

"Internships serve a valuable



Nagatha Tomkins, the Internship Coordinator for the School of Communications, directs students in finding internships.

purpose — to advance the education of students in real world context," Friedland said. "The idea is still sound." He said when abuse of this system surfaces and students are negatively affected, people pay attention.

Tonkins expects companies will have to be more transparent with these guidelines in the future.

"Especially if the government is going to start cracking down," she said. "Companies want to ensure that the students are getting academic credit and the guidelines are certain."

She explained that there have been one or two instances where students felt they were doing grunt work rather than meaningful tasks.

"In that case, we always suggest having a talk with their supervisor," she said. "Communication is very important because sometimes they are unaware of the skills the students have."

Elon students are able to check in at any point if they find the internship isn't going as well as they hoped, Tonkins explained.

"It's my job to intervene when something is not going well, and fortunately I've had to do very little of that," she said.

Nelson said though she at first worried about doing grunt work, she discussed the issue with her supervisor upfront and is confident she will gain practical knowledge for her future career.

"You are learning to work in a professional environment and taking what you've then learned to apply it in future classes, applications and jobs," she said. "An internship isn't just a job, it's preparing you to find the job that you want."

As the internship debate continues, Friedland said the possibility of paying all interns would undermine the purpose of the position, the academic benefit of the student.

"If there is payment, that changes the purpose-driven nature of internships and it is now more about dollars and cents, not education," he said.

Tonkins said if companies were required to pay all interns, she hopes they would not stop the programs altogether.

"It provides meaningful and wonderful experience for students," she said. "I'm hoping that there is a solution that is best for the student and employer."

## Herbal incense K2 legal in North Carolina but not at Elon University

Anna Johnson  
Managing Editor

The herbal incense K2 is legal in North Carolina, but human consumption of the synthetic cannabinoid is against Elon University's drug policy.

With similar effects to those of marijuana, K2 is a human-manufactured drug that has floated across Europe and the United States since the mid-1990s. Chemicals JWH-018 and JWH-073, not Tetrahydrocannabinol, the active ingredient in marijuana, cause the high-induced state.

In the past year, K2 has gained popularity across college campuses. The substance has a high similar to marijuana but can also produce hallucinations, vomiting and aggression.

Whitney Gregory, coordinator of judicial affairs, said she couldn't comment on individual cases involving the substance but she did say that K2 had been brought to their attention.

"The way our handbook is written,

certainly the possession of illegal drugs is a violation," Gregory said. "But that also includes using drugs not as directed."

She said K2 was not meant for human consumption. Thus a student caught ingesting K2 would face a possible drug violation.

"It's just like spray paint," she said. "You can possess spray paint but if you were to huff the can of spray paint, that would be using it not as directed."

John Huffman, the creator of JWH-018, said in a WebMD.com article the chemicals found in K2 have never been tested on humans. He also said there was no current research on what side effects could be caused by the drug.

Chuck Gantos, director of Campus Safety and Police, said the drug is not a major problem at Elon but "once something gets out and someone makes money from it, things could change"

K2 does not show up on most drug tests. Gantos said since the drug is legal and the department is not searching for the drug.

"I do understand in some states they are making K2 illegal," Gantos said. "It took just a couple of months for this to become an item of interest in this part of the country."

Brian Collins, associate director of residence life, said if a student were caught smoking K2 in the dorms it would be a violation just for smoking in an academic building.

"K2 is not something we've been coming across," Collins said. "It comes in a package that looks like incense and it is a white powder. It is possible we've come across the chemical and not known what it is. But we are not seeing packages of K2 in the halls."

The federal Drug Enforcement Administration has classified it as "a drug or chemical of concern." Kansas banned the substance earlier this month and Missouri, Illinois, Utah, Kentucky, Georgia, North Dakota and Tennessee have all expressed interest in banning the substance.

Gantos said the drug could be found on the Internet at various Web sites. Several head shops in Greensboro and Raleigh sell K2 but refused to answer further questions.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### ESPN writer Robert "Buster" Olney to share career advice

ESPN senior writer Robert "Buster" Olney will speak on campus from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 14 in Larose Digital Theatre. Olney will share advice from his career with students interested in working in the field of sports and communication as part of the Leisure and Sports Management Speaker Series.

Olney joined ESPN in 2003 and writes for ESPN The Magazine and is an analyst for Baseball Tonight on ESPN. He also authors a popular baseball blog.

The event will be sponsored by the School of Communications, School of Education and Career Services.

#### Memorial bike ride for Gooch

On April 16, the Alamance Bicycle Club and the J&L Bicycle Company will host a memorial bike ride for Elon University professor Eugene Gooch, who was killed in a bicycling accident last April.

Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the J&L Bicycle Company in downtown Burlington and the ride will start at 6 p.m. The ride will pass by Koury Business Center at around 6:40 p.m. and others are encouraged to join.

All participants are required to wear helmets.

#### Belk Library hosting video production contest

Belk Library is inviting students to submit 60-second videos sharing a secret about the library. Submissions are due by 6 p.m. April 19. The winner will be announced at 6 p.m. April 26 in the library and will be awarded a flip camera.

Students with questions can contact Nick Massa at nmassa@elon.edu.

#### Career Preparation Workshop

Credit Suisse, a global financial services company, is sponsoring sessions on April 14 in the Koury Business Center to answer questions regarding career transitions.

The 6 p.m. session is titled "Real Life 'Cheat Sheet' for Finding a Job," and the 7:30 p.m. session is "Transition from Elon to the Office."

Elon alumnus and Credit Suisse employee Kristin Smith, Mike Ulaky, Liz Evans and James Studley will be available to answer questions and give advice about careers.

Refreshments will be available.

#### Distinguished scholar lecture to address international relations

Elon University Political Science Professor Laura Roselle will speak at 7:30 p.m. April 19 in McKinnon Hall to discuss international communication in the post-Cold War era.

She will discuss the future of the world order since the conclusion of the Cold War power structure and the particular influence of today's media.

Roselle is a professor of political science at Elon.

### CORRECTIONS

In the March 31 issue, Grayson Chad Snyder was incorrectly identified at the time of his arrest. Snyder was not employed with Elon University at the time of his arrest.

In the March 31 issue, the headline for the Burlington park story was incorrect. The headline should have read "Burlington park officials said rides and Raleigh park closure will attract more visitors."



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# Editorial

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

## Reclaiming Elon's honor

### Honor code infractions indicate absence of respect

On college campuses, we must all become aware that our actions will inevitably affect others. Students that choose to attend Elon agree to the honor pledge that states, "On my honor, I will uphold the values of Elon University: Honesty, integrity, responsibility and respect." Have our actions reflected that? Students must continue to ask themselves as they go about their daily lives.

The qualities stated in the above honor pledge are further elaborated: "Honesty: Be truthful in your academic work and in your relationships. Integrity: Be trustworthy, fair and ethical. Responsibility: Be accountable for your actions and your learning. Respect: Be civil. Value the dignity of each person. Honor the physical and intellectual property of others."

They are written, bold and laminated, on the walls where we learn. But according to sophomore Marissa Semon, "students don't think about it on a daily basis."

Specific infractions listed in the most current version of the Academic Honor Code include cheating, plagiarism, lying, stealing, vandalism and facilitating academic dishonesty.

For decades, Elon and its students have agreed to uphold these four values. These four words have enormous pull in our every day lives, and are posted in nearly every academic classroom and building on campus. In simple terms, a university would lack any sort of pull with parents and alumni if not for a commitment to some sort of ethical, and arguably moral code. We acknowledge their presence, and we all signed that dotted line our freshman year.

The specifics of judicial hearings are strictly confidential, but most Elon students have been witness to infractions made by peers. Though seemingly small and insignificant, each deviant in the carefully constructed institution we call alma mater creates small fissures in the framework we struggle to uphold. These cracks strengthen and grow, and will soon demolish the foundation that Elon College stood upon, and that Elon University needs to survive.

What promotes the importance of enforcing the honor code? Opinions from our own students do more than enough to emphasize a need for the understanding, respect and appreciation for the policy put in place.

"I feel like every professor should have a basic reprinting of the honor code on the top of their tests," Senior Lisa Bodine said.

She makes a good point — the reiteration of the importance of our regulatory policies will make them easier to abide by. Perhaps the lack of repetition in the classroom coupled with the undeserved trust of Elon faculty permits the flaccid support of the student body.

The passivity people feel toward abiding by the rules spreads far beyond the scope of our U.S. geographical boundaries. A country many consider a rival of the United States on multiple economic, and educational levels, China is suffering blows to its credibility in the name of "accomplishment."

On April 11, Gillian Wong of the Associated Press reported the obscene incidence of cheating taking place in China, which many fear will hurt the county's research ambitions. "Ghostwriting, plagiarizing or faking results is so rampant in Chinese academia that some experts worry it could hinder China's efforts to become a leader in science." Unfortunately, these moral infractions don't only occur in the professional sphere. Administrative officials at universities notice the issue as well.

"Academic fraud, misconduct and ethical violations are very common in China," said Professor Rao Yi, the dean of life sciences at Peking University. "It's a big problem."

The apathy that incites the growth of the concern could become a big problem here, too.

Sophomore Katie Whittaker said, "I feel like it's important, but I don't think students care about it, honestly. I feel like it's common sense."

But that doesn't prove to be the case. Elon students seem to have a track record of displaying unlawful actions that are borderline nonsensical. Between 2006

and 2008, there have been 146 cases of burglary reported on the Campus Crime Act Statistics worksheet. In 2008 alone, there were 466 violations of the liquor law, and 40 violations of drug laws.

Both breaches of the substance abuse laws have been cited as arrests.

But when adding assault charges and weapon possession instances, the total number of incidents handled by Elon Judicial Affairs becomes 508. In the year of 2007, the number was 573. The caliber and number of the crimes detailed above don't seem to line up with honor and respect.

And faculty and staff members are starting to notice.

The former assistant director of Campus Recreation, Chris Myers commented, "I think (the honor code) is necessary but don't think students respect it. I don't think they're well educated on it either."

If Elon is to remain the upstanding university we know it to be, its students must continue to make it so — a feat that cannot be accomplished if students don't understand the reasons these policies stand in the first place. As a community of engaged learners, we must do a better job of implementing the honor code into the activities we sponsor, and making sure that the students who hope to attend this school intend to hold our values close to heart.

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## HONOR CODE VIOLATIONS

occurring across the nation

### Stanford University:

During the 2006-2007 academic year there were 120 cases reported to the Office of Judicial Affairs:

84 involved the Honor Code, 33 involved the Fundamental Standard, three involved both the Honor Code and the Fundamental Standard

Of the 64 Honor Code cases that went to hearings:

59 resulted in a finding that the student was responsible for the violation and thus was subject to sanction

Four resulted in a finding that the student was not responsible for the violation

Charges were dropped in one case based upon the discovery of exculpatory evidence

### Virginia Tech:

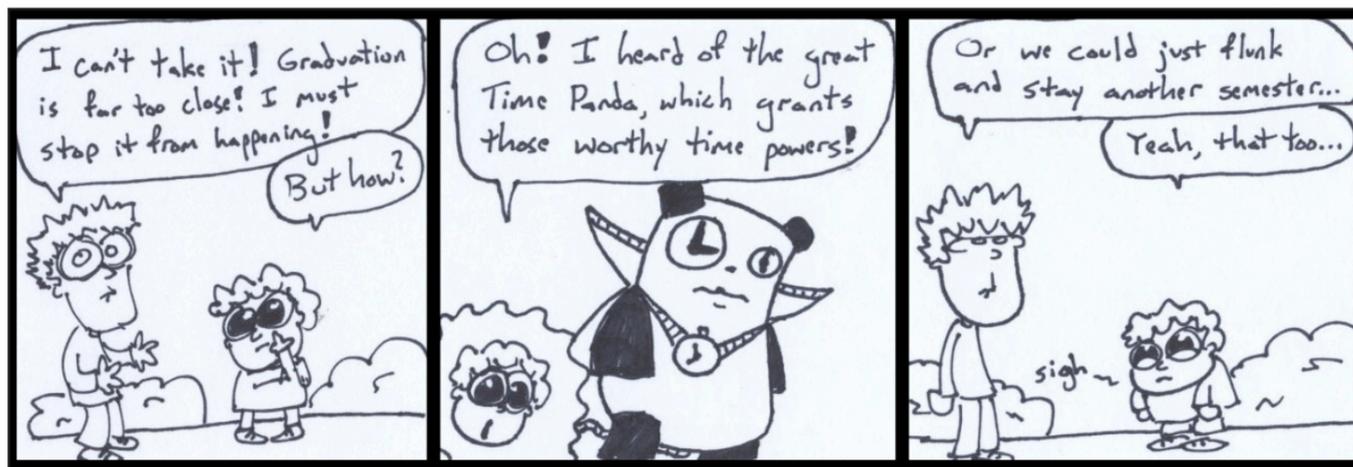
"The emergence of technology in academics has played a role in the increase of honor code violations," honor code adviser Leon Gyer said.

### Notre Dame:

Eight honor code violations were reported during the 2005-2006 academic year.

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## Children living behind bars:

Trying children as adults poses significant threats to both justice and future of society



**Lauren Ramsdell**  
Columnist

Last February, a 26-year-old woman was found shot dead in her bed in western Pennsylvania. She was eight months pregnant and her daughter, four, found her and

alerted people working around the house.

The lead suspect in the case was apprehended the day of the shooting and has been charged with a double homicide. The county district attorney John Bonivengo has come close to settling upon homicide.

"At this point, we don't believe it's accidental," he said, Bonivengo said in a CNN article.

What makes the case different from other murders is not just that the late term of Kenzie Marie Houk's pregnancy made her death a double homicide, but that the accused perpetrator is the 12-year-old son of her fiancé.

The maximum sentence for youth is life in prison. But what is life in prison when you're 12 years old? Under Pennsylvania law, anyone charged with murder or homicide over the age of 10 is considered an adult. Jordan Brown, the accused, was 11 at the time of Houk's death.

Like most children faced with the prospect of sharing their lives with a new parent, Brown is described by an article CBS News as being jealous of the attention his soon-to-

be stepmother and half-sibling were receiving and resentful of having to move out of his room to make it a nursery. This does not excuse murder.

For the time being, let us assume that Brown is guilty. He knowingly shot his father's girlfriend as she slept and then went about his day. His motivation notwithstanding, he committed the crime for the purposes of this thought experiment.

When we were 12, many of us discovered fledgling feelings of a first crush or finally got rid of our treasured Pokémon collection in order to be more grown up. At the time of the murder, Brown was 11, navigating the awkward transition between elementary and middle school. There is no doubt that the boy is young.

So why put him behind bars? Because of the boy's youth, Brown's defense is attempting to drop the case to a lower juvenile court in case he is convicted. The juvenile system would offer Brown a chance at a normal life after serving his time. However, a doctor hired by the prosecution claims that Brown's chance at rehabilitation in a juvenile prison would be scant and that he would be better locked away for the rest of his life.

Putting a young boy in a state prison with hardened criminals wouldn't work for obvious reasons, and according to the prosecution, justice would not be served in a juvenile court. Locking Brown away at this stage in his life would rip him away from a doting father who, while mourning the loss of his fiancée, still maintains his son's innocence.

But a 12-year-old murderer in the confines of the juvenile courts might be too much to handle. Child psychologists might be in over their heads. Serious reconciliation is in order.

My solution, if he is in fact found guilty, is that he be placed in juvenile court and the 10-and-over-murder law be repealed. Even if Brown did know exactly what he was doing, he was still a child without the rational ability to think things through. After Brown turns 18 he should be turned over to the state prison system, for a period of five to 10 years, during which time he would be imprisoned and further attempted to be rehabilitated. If he, in fact, committed the crime, there is no softening the fact that he took the life of two people. Punishment should be doled out.

The nature of this punishment is what's in question, because of Brown's age, and should not be unduly softened. If he shows no signs of improvement, it appears that prison would be the place for him to stay. If he seems repentant, he could be given supervised job training and a supervised job.

If Brown is found guilty, the punishment should be akin to life in prison without actually having to spend life in prison. Brown would have something like an extended parole, and be monitored and given specific jobs to accomplish so that he could live on his own under surveillance. It would be a lonely life.

But somehow, this child needs to atone for his actions. A child in an adult prison leads to a dangerous child growing into a dangerous adult.

## Invisible tools of torment wreak havoc



**Jasmine Gregory**  
Columnist

Just a decade ago, bullying was easily characterized as stealing lunch money, name-calling or being stuffed into a locker. But today, countless students around the nation face new forms of high-tech

bullying and the new consequences that accompany them.

Though bullying can be viewed as a fact of adolescence, the consequences undoubtedly outweigh the potential pros of surviving the typical taunting. Recently, Phoebe Prince, a 15-year-old student from South Hadley Massachusetts, took her own life after being relentlessly bullied in her school. Undoubtedly, it is unfortunate that a 15 year old should view suicide as the only way to escape the endless torture from her peers.

News reports describe her as having begged for help, yet her attempts to seek aid were futile. There are countless directions where we could point the finger in similar incidents. Do we blame the educators for not having stronger initiatives against bullying? Do we blame the parents for not encouraging their children to treat others with respect? Or do we blame the students who somehow lost their voices as one of their peers was being driven to incomprehensible depths of depression?

Although we can't easily pinpoint one universal solution, there are steps that can be taken to reduce the occurrence of incidents such as this one.

Today, one of the largest outlets for bullying is the Internet. A survey conducted by i-Safe Inc. showed that 42 percent of kids report having been bullied through the Internet. With so many students reporting some sort of harassment through the Internet alone, parents must be involved in controlling their children's Internet usage.

With social media outlets on the rise, we need to further examine the reasons behind their usage. Tagging pictures and tweeting about the juiciest gossip may look like innocent fun on the outside, but there is clearly some deeper abuse going on. Our generation thrives on technology. But because we thrive on technology, we spend less and less time building meaningful, face-to-face relationships.

Wherever there is technology, there is someone who seeks to abuse it, but it is disconcerting when the abusers are middle and high school students looking to taunt their peers. Bullying used to stop once students returned home. Today, bullies have a 24-hour, seven day-a-week period to harass their peers.

When considering cyber bullying, parents should take more initiative to know why, how and what their children are using the Internet for. Although parents seem to have a general idea of how social media outlets work, they are quick to trust that their children are using them in a positive light.

Bullying needs to be re-examined as a more serious problem than it was in the past. Bullying has developed a history of leaving its victims with scars that last a lifetime. For the sake of our future generations, we need to find a way to expose forms of bullying that sneak under the radar of parental and administrative guidance — and help our youth build constructive futures that don't affect others negatively.

## Ending an era of rare mentorship



**Trevor Wynn**  
Guest Columnist

During Multicultural Cultural Experience Weekend in spring 2008, I met a charismatic professor named Ocek Eke. Eke gave me, and other prospective students, a

persuasive speech on his teaching style, methods and why his class is important for life. In five minutes Eke had sold me on Elon, and at that moment I vowed I would attend Elon and take his Global Studies course.

Several others in the session shared similar sentiments. Everything went according to plan, and as expected, Eke was a wonderful professor. He opens the minds of students to world issues they are oblivious to and invites students to question things they never have before. Students who consider themselves knowledgeable about the world are awakened after taking Eke's Global Studies course.

Halfway through the spring semester I found out Eke was not going to be offered tenure. The news

was shocking and hurtful. I finalized my decision to attend Elon because of Eke, and now he is not going to be a mentor and role model for future students. Eke is the type of professor who truly cares about his students' well being and is personally invested in his students. My personal experience with this faculty member leads me to believe that Elon students need professors like Eke.

In the fall of 2009, during a panel discussion on the role of historically black colleges and universities, I met a charismatic assistant professor of business administration named Norris Gunby. Gunby gave the students in the panel discussion a persuasive speech on the state of historically black colleges. He noted that black students need to prepare themselves for the future. Because of his shrewd comments and incredible passion, I made him my adviser the following day. Gunby is always willing to help and guide students on academic matters and life outside of the classroom.

When I realized that Gunby was not going to be offered tenure, the news was extremely disappointing to hear. I vowed that I would take his Business Policy class, but I won't get the chance. Gunby is an advisor and a role model on campus, and he acts

as a hand-to-hand mentor advising first-year multicultural students with their transition to Elon. Gunby cares about his students' success in the classroom and outside the classroom. He would rather a student be a better person than a better student.

Both of my mentors, Eke and Gunby, are black, but they are two of a small number of racially diverse faculty on campus. Only one of the 16 recently tenured professors at Elon is black. This trend of denying Elon students the experiences of black professors cannot continue if Elon values dedication to diversity.

My positive experiences with the aforementioned professors correlate with the reasoning that students benefit from racially diverse professors. In the future I will continue my relationships with Eke and Gunby, but thinking about those who will not get to experience their wonderful characteristics bothers me.

Hopefully, in a few years there will be no need for an article discussing the benefits of tenured black professors. But until then I will say goodbye to two mentors who affected my life for the better and taught me what a relationship with a professor should be like.

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# 5 YEARS OF CRIME

**ANNA JOHNSON**  
MANAGING EDITOR

## WHEN A STUDENT BREAKS THE LAW IS HANDLED BY ONE OF

### CRIMINAL PATTERNS AT ELON:



FILE PHOTO

Whitney Gregory, coordinator of Judicial Affairs, said the first two months of school are the busiest for her office. She said many freshmen are "looking to figure out where the boundaries are . . . now that they are creating their own framework rather than being in the framework their parents have created for them."

In May 2009, 12 Elon University students were arrested for drug-related criminal offenses. A total of 29.2 grams of cocaine were seized and several students were charged with possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia. The drug busts led to more than 50 students protesting the Town of Elon Police Department and the raids.



FILE PHOTO

### JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

Judicial Affairs, Elon University's internal judicial body, not only holds students responsible for statutory laws but also Elon's Honor Code and student handbook. Whitney Gregory, coordinator for Judicial Affairs, said Elon students are held to a higher standard than the law requires them to be.

Gregory said it was this standard that led her to Elon. "I really loved what Elon was saying philosophically about all student conduct," she said. "What we are interested in is inside the classroom and outside of the classroom. Being a student at Elon is like being a member of an honor society, so there are higher standards."

Gregory studied political science and said while in the legal system it can be argued whether it is meant to be educational. At Elon, she said, education was the main goal.

She said her least favorite part about the judicial process is when parents or students treat the judicial process like a legal system.

"They want to make some sort of deal, to drop this piece or ignore that piece," she said. "And I do try to talk to people through this is not the goal of this system and tell them we don't make those kind of deals."

Every Monday, Campus Safety and Police and the Town of Elon Police Department meet with Gregory to discuss what incidents have occurred in the past week. She said sometimes there are zero incidents and sometimes there are 10, which is one of the highest numbers they have received in a week.

Resident assistants, professors and students can also report students to

Judicial Affairs. Gregory said they always investigate before placing someone in the judicial process.

There are three aspects to Judicial Affairs' and sanctions.

The policy aspect is what is listed in the student handbook. The expected of students. Some of the changes that have occurred in the past five years include an update to the alcohol policy, the age of 21 were not allowed in the same area.

"We gave students that freedom and the responsibility to use but try to make the responsible decisions themselves," she said.

This is the good samaritan rule, which states that if someone is in a situation of alcohol poisoning and an underage student who is not of legal age, that student will not be punished.

The enforcement process of judicial affairs involves how different rules are communicated, how students are held accountable and what the policies are that the university has in place.

The final step in the judicial process is to ensure that the student has corrected behavior in the student.

### TOWN OF ELON

If a crime occurs away from the Elon University, the Town of Elon Police Department has 16 officers with four on reserve. The town hall is at 104 S. Williamson Ave.

Police Chief LaVell Lovette said that the most common types of crime around Elon are drug-related offenses. She said that the advantage of when students go home is that they are not in a large amount.

She said in recent years the town has seen an increase in assaults, but not in a large amount.

"I won't say (they are) really prevalent, but it can be a cause for concern because things can be in a turmoil for a while," she said. "But I can't say we've had real problems."

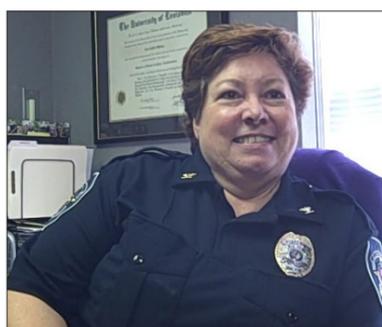
Lovette said handpicking her staff is important. Having a strong background and skills, she said, helps the smaller community.

"What I want is someone who is capable of making decisions. We don't want someone who is just someone who is outgoing and loyal to the community," Lovette said.

She said her current staff possesses a strong sense of community of the department, she said, and everyone is aware of it. She said her personal issues are not a concern.

"In a smaller department, everyone has to make sure the job gets done, you have to be a team player."

### LAVELL LOVETTE



FILE PHOTO

**Name:** LaVell Lovette  
**Position:** Police Chief  
**Years in position:** Eight  
**Favorite part of the job:** Getting out from behind the desk and working in the field.

### CAMPUS SAFETY AND POLICE

Students can see the officers on segways or patrolling the residence halls throughout the night. Elon University Campus Safety and Police, based out of Oaks Commons, has 16 certified police officers within its ranks, each with the power to arrest and carrying the standard Glock 40.

Chuck Gantos has been the director of Campus Safety and Police since the department's creation in 1996. He said prior to the department, the university had student guards, a parking enforcer and four security guards. The measures were acceptable at the time, Gantos said, but in the mid '90s Elon experienced a physical growth and needed a police force that could conduct its own investigations.

One trend, Gantos observed, is that the campus is becoming more urban, and outside influences are beginning to play a larger role in the community.

"Most of the crimes that we have, most of the major things we have are not done by our students," he said. "They are done by outsiders."

While there have been no vehicle break-ins this year, he said the major incidents such as vandalism, burglaries, break-ins and assaults are not things being done by students but by outsiders.

Another trend was the number of individuals traveling within the university and being unrelated to the campus.

"Anytime we have people here late at night that aren't part of the university setting, the reason for them being here could be legitimate or illegitimate, but we have to make sure the people we have around here are goods on," Gantos said.

Gantos echoed Lovette when he said alcohol was the main issue involving students, followed by the abuse of prescription pills.

"Alcohol is just a social issue all colleges have to deal with. It's a country face," he said. "If there was a magic wand, the country would jump on it. It is just one you have to educate people and hope people are responsible."

He said he didn't believe alcohol use was the main issue. He said it had leveled off in recent years. But the most common issue is underage possession and consumption.

Gantos said there have not been major incidents, but more frequent smaller incidents.

"We have a little drug bust here or there, but nothing significant violence on campus," he said. "I attribute that to the fact that 99 percent of students go through the judicial process, and it is the remainder 1 percent who are not on campus."

Gantos said the force vastly differs from other departments. The day most officers generally do community service, answering phone calls. At night, on the other hand, they do patrol. He said this is when a majority of the citations are issued.

When it comes to the relationship between the police and the community, Gantos said he hopes it is one of mutual respect. He said he personally enjoys working with students and that he can't do more.

"The most challenging thing is trying to do the right thing and at the same time do that within the community," he said. "Sometimes you would like to do more than you can."

### CRIME AT ELON during the past five years

	Elon Police Department	Campus safety & police	Judicial Affairs
<b>Murder</b>	0	0	0
<b>Rape/forcible sex</b>	12	2	1
<b>Burglary/Robbery</b>	633	121	n/a
<b>All assaults</b>	163	3	0
<b>Alcohol violation</b>	32	192	1682
<b>Drug violation</b>	310	81	81
<b>Peeping Tom</b>	5	n/a	n/a
<b>Indecent exposure</b>	12	n/a	n/a

\*All information gathered from Elon Police and Campus Safety and Police incident reports

\*\*Jan. 1, 2002-Feb. 20, 2010

\*\*\*August 2005

# AT ELON

## MAKES A LAW THE CASE OF THE FOLLOWING:

### WHITNEY GREGORY

**Name:** Whitney Gregory  
**Position:** Coordinator  
**Years in position:** Three  
**Favorite part of the job:** When students come back and realize she was working in their best interest.



BRIAN ALLENBY | Staff Photographer

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## OF ELON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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same page. You just have to make sure everyone is focused and everyone  
 is motivated."  
 The relationship between the students and the police force, Lovette said,  
 has become less antagonistic in recent years. She said when she first joined  
 the staff there were several calls where students would host parties with  
 more than 300 people present.  
 "When you got that many people, regardless whether there are really  
 problems or not, there is a problem. And you are responding with two, three,  
 four officers."  
 Now, she said, the parties are much smaller with some noise complaints  
 and fights outside bars. But there are not as many disturbances as there  
 were in the past.  
 Lovette said if students are involved with a crime, alcohol is usually present.  
 The most common violation is underage possession or consumption.  
 "We have people going to bars, getting extremely intoxicated or are  
 already extremely intoxicated before they go to the bars," Lovette said. "We  
 have had a few assaults but those are relatively minor and relatively few."  
 She said one of the issues with policing a campus community is the lack  
 of life experience in the students.  
 "They are just now getting to where they are on their own and responsible  
 for their own consequences," Lovette said. "And I will say the students here  
 at Elon are really great kids. But I think sometimes alcohol gets in the way,  
 and they make stupid decisions. On a law enforcement standpoint everything  
 we do that involves students is because of alcohol issues and it is prevalent  
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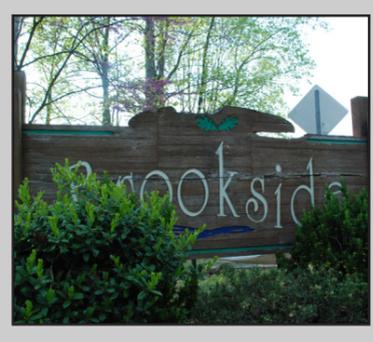
### CHUCK GANTOS

**Name:** Chuck Gantos  
**Position:** Director  
**Years in position:** 14  
**Favorite part of the job:** Working with students and feeding off their enthusiasm.



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## THE TOP 5 LOCATIONS ELON POLICE DEPARTMENT HAVE RESPONDED TO SINCE 2005



**660 Manning Ave.:** Police dispatched 68 times in five years  
 This trailer park is located less than one mile from Elon University. The property is owned by Brookside Communities LLC and worth more than \$800,000. The police have arrived in regards to domestic abuse calls, burglary, arson, dog bite and drug violations and is the home of John Paylor, the man who was tased by Town of Elon Police Department.



**602 E. Haggard Ave.:** Police dispatched 57 times in five years  
 The Sheridan condominiums are home to mostly Elon University students. The crimes committed include drug violations, larceny, injury to personal property, assault, DWI, possession of marijuana, vandalism and resisting arrest.



**110 W. Haggard Ave.:** Police dispatched 43 times in five years  
 The only gas station in Elon has been subject to a wide range of crimes, from larceny, embezzlement, drug violation, robbery and fraud. Some of the incidents that are listed at the Kangaroo station did not occur in the store but in the parking lot where police pulled over individuals.



**739 E. Haggard Ave.:** Police dispatched 39 times in five years  
 Elon Place is an off-campus apartment complex located less than one mile from campus. Police have responded to vandalism, burglary, larceny, drug violation, drug possession, calls for lost property, contributing to a the delinquency of a minor, possession with intent to sell and missing person.



**104 S. Williamson Ave:** Police dispatched 38 times in five years  
 Town of Elon Police has seen this building more than the 38 times in five years. The Williamson Avenue building is the police and Elon Town Hall building. Most of the incidents are in response to lost cell phones. If someone loses a cell phone and picks it up at the police station an incident report still has to be written. There have been other incidents including fraud, lost property, vandalism and drug violations.

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Town of Elon Police Department

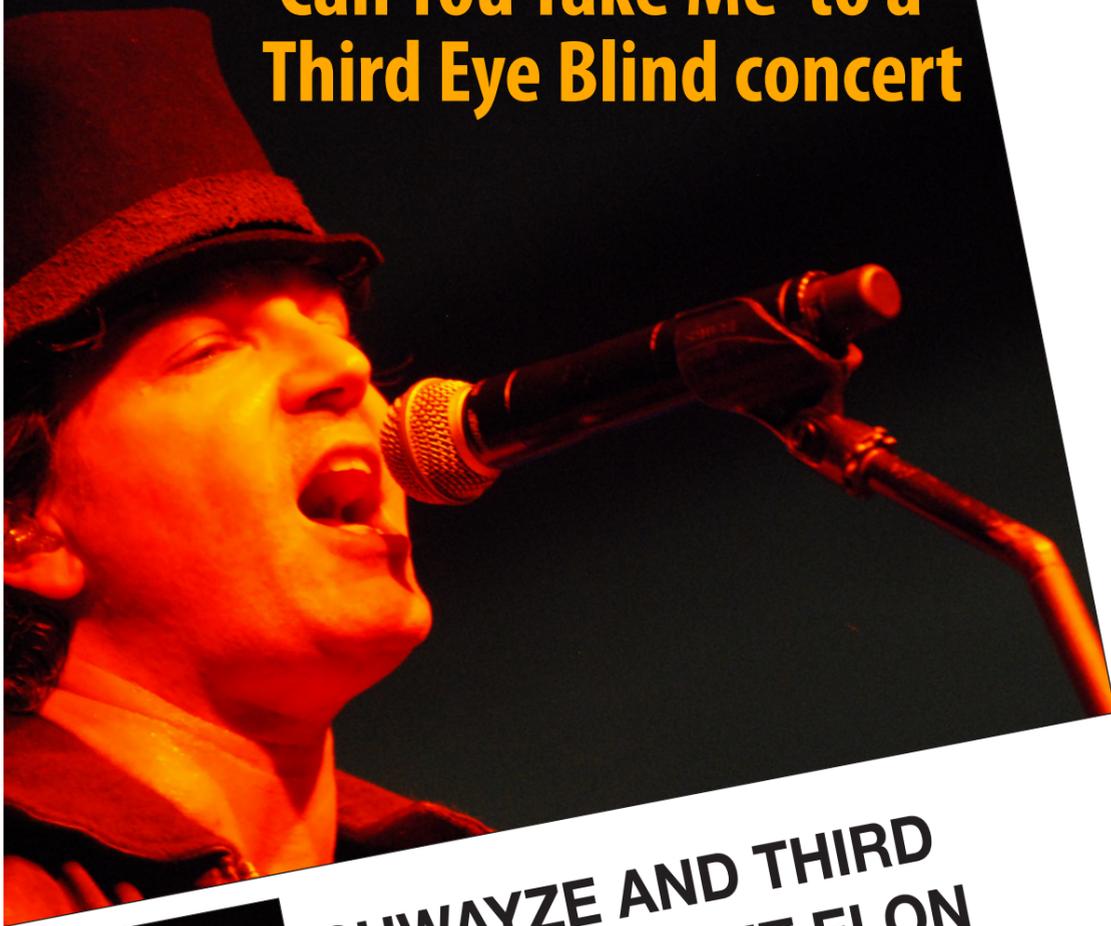
# ARRESTS

During the past five years

Larceny: 84	Robbery: 7
Drug violations: 297	Aggravated assault: 35
Rape: 1	Alcohol and/or drugs: 186

# Style

## 'Can You Take Me' to a Third Eye Blind concert



### SHWAYZE AND THIRD EYE BLIND VISIT ELON UNIVERSITY FOR ANNUAL SPRING SHOW



Julia Sayers  
Reporter

Elon University's students packed into Alumni Gym Friday night for the sold-out Spring Show, headlined by alternative rock band Third Eye Blind.

Shwayze opened for Third Eye Blind, playing some of his popular songs, including his hit single "Corona and Lime."

After Shwayze performed, set up began for Third Eye Blind, taking longer than expected. Finally, the lights went down and Third Eye Blind began with an instrumental jam leading into its first song, the upbeat "Faster."

The band's energy was wildly contagious, as it had almost every student singing and dancing along. After playing another one of its older songs, "Losing a Whole Year," the band launched into "Can You Take Me," the fast paced opener to its most recent album, "Ursa Major," released in August 2009.

The pattern continued throughout the night: Third Eye Blind would play a few of its most popular songs from the late 1990s and early 2000s and then throw in a new song from "Ursa Major." This strategy worked to give variety and cater to both new and old Third Eye Blind fans. Even those who were neutral to Third Eye Blind were enjoying the show, and by the end Third Eye Blind may have gained some new followers.

The older songs played were most of the songs people think of when they hear Third Eye Blind, including "Wounded" and "Motorcycle Drive By." Stephen Jenkins, the lead singer, thanked everyone in the crowd for keeping the band's music alive, never letting them go and believing in them. Appropriately enough, "Never Let You Go" was played afterward. This was followed by "Bonfire," the band's newest single. The chorus consists of chants of "Whoa oh," which Jenkins encouraged everyone to sing along too.

Third Eye Blind played a few more songs including "Graduate," "One in Ten," "Water Landing" and an alternate version of "Monotov's Private Opera". It ended with the ever-popular "Jumper," during which Brad Hargreaves, the drummer, played an epic drum solo.

Third Eye Blind left the stage to chants from the crowd of "One more song!" and "Encore!" After a few teasing minutes, Jenkins returned to the stage with an acoustic guitar to sing "Slow Motion." The rest of the band then joined him to sing "Don't Believe a Word."

And of course a Third Eye Blind concert wouldn't be complete without "Semi-Charmed Life," to which the whole crowd screamed along. The band ended with the emotional "God of Wine" and then got the crowd to sing a reprise of the chorus of "Bonfire" while the band members left the stage.

Third Eye Blind showed that after all these years, it is still rocking and can put on an excellent show. The group sounded just as good live as it does on its albums, which demonstrates the band's true talent.

SUB and the Elon student body seemingly made a good choice by inviting Third Eye Blind and Shwayze to Alumni Gym. With the diverse musical styles, there was likely something for everyone to enjoy.

ALL PHOTOS BY BRIAN ALLENBY | Staff Photographer  
Top: Lead singer and guitarist of Third Eye Blind Stephan Jenkins performs on Friday, April 9 2010.  
Above: Shwayze performs at the Spring Show prior to Third Eye Blind.  
Center: Drummer Brad Hargreaves rocks out with Third Eye Blind.  
Right: Third Eye Blind lead singer and guitarist Stephan Jenkins and singer-songwriter Joshua James sing together.

## Semi-Charmed Life

Behind their



Julia Sayers  
Reporter

### What's the origin of the band's name?

There's not really any particular meaning behind it. There was a lot of mysticism and self help stuff that was becoming incredibly cool in the Bay Area when we were starting out, so it was just kind of like a punk rock statement. We don't really believe in that though.

### So you've been in the band since the beginning?

Yeah, like 1994. 1993 was like Stephan (Jenkins) in San Francisco trying to find musicians.

### So what's the deal with songwriting? Is it mainly Stephan or do you help out?

Yeah, well, Stephan is definitely the majority songwriter. It's all his lyrics, all his melodies and he writes even some of the music too. But there's also a certain amount of collaboration that goes on among the musicians to come up with riffs and stuff. . . Like the other day, the guitar player and I were just

jamming on this cultish riff and Stephan immediately got a lyric in his head and a basic melody idea and it's gonna be a song now. It's really spontaneous and delicate, the way songwriting works, it can't be forced. If we could force it, we'd have records out more than every five years.

### You guys don't tour that often do you?

We do. We've just more recently branched out into different areas. We're actually self-managed now. We're just an indie band on our own label. It took a while for us to get rid of the different control the record companies and our ex-manager had over what we would do. But now that we have, we're going to Europe in May for the first time in 10 years and we're doing the stuff we felt like we should be doing but couldn't understand why we weren't doing it. And part of that means coming to Elon.

### We should steal you a brick.

Yeah! Let's throw it through the front windshield of the bus. No

## An interview with Brad Hargreaves of Third Eye Blind



BRIAN ALLENBY | Staff Photographer

Drummer Brad Hargreaves of Third Eye Blind interviewed in the WSOE studios with reporter and DJ Julia Sayers before going to perform at the April 9 Spring Show.



one do that. Remember when that drummer egged everyone on to throw bricks at their bus? Idiot.

### If you were not in Third Eye Blind, what would you be doing?

I might be in the CIA.

### So when you were younger, did you want to be a CIA agent?

Not really, I always wanted to be a musician, but I read a lot. I like knowing what goes on behind the scenes. I was a history major in college.

### Where did you go to school?

University of California Berkeley. So I'm really smart. Just kidding, I actually got denied and the band director got me in. If I didn't play music I wouldn't have been able to go there.

### So you've always wanted to be a musician?

Yeah, college was actually my hobby. I was already playing professionally so to speak, before I went to college. I wasn't playing in Third Eye Blind yet. This was bands

before that. Far less glamorous. Like 50-bucks-and-dinner kind of gigs. There was a wedding in there, probably. That's actually how I paid my way through college.

### So what is your best memory of being in the band?

It's hard to pick out specific things. It's a dream. It's just the greatest, greatest job for someone who loves music. It's been really hard in some ways but then also just the easiest job in the world. People have to go and do the hardest things every day for hours and hours, but our job is to be good for an hour and a half a day. I mean it takes more than that to be good for that hour and a half, but at the same time, it's not the most difficult thing in the world. If you added up the hours I put in, maybe it would rival someone having a regular job. I was practicing four or five hours a day since like seventh grade so I was really on it from an early age. Now, it's the greatest. I love playing every night. Days off are boring to me. If I'm on the road sleeping on a bus, I'm gonna play.

## Delta Sigma Theta and Phi Beta Sigma step their way to victory

Brittany Washington  
Reporter

McKinnon Hall was packed Friday, April 9 with hundreds of people who came out to see the other Elon University Spring Show, but instead of live music, teams of fraternities and sororities battled for step-dancing supremacy.

Juniors Jasmine Spencer and Justin Berger were the hosts for the evening and began the show by introducing Elon's Finest hip-hop dance team who dazzled the crowd with their performance.

Freshman Deanna Fox and sophomore Shakinah Simeona took the stage and sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing." Spencer and Berger then did a quick roll call recognizing Elon students, Multicultural Weekend and Diversity Conference students, and the Pan Hellenic Council, Inter-Fraternity Council and the National Pan Hellenic Council attendees.

Spencer and Berger then introduced the second performance of the evening: Women of Smith. These women, from Smith High School in Greensboro, marched out on stage to Rihanna's "So Hard." Dressed in bold yellow, green and black, they also incorporated hip-hop moves and received a big round of applause from the audience as they marched off-stage.

Following the Women of Smith was the first and only sorority to step, Elon's Delta Sigma Theta. They had an introductory video titled "Law and Order: DST." Some of the members were in a courtroom setting explaining why their sorority is the best. At the end of the video, the ladies appeared on stage and gave a small tribute to each fraternity in the National Pan Hellenic Council. They were later joined on stage by three other Deltas: Kim Johnson, the associate director of admissions and the director of multicultural recruitment at Elon, and two Elon alumni, Alexia Clincy

and Danielle Simmons. A few people in the crowd gave them a standing ovation.

"The Deltas did really good; they had a lot of energy," sophomore Chelsea Gund said.

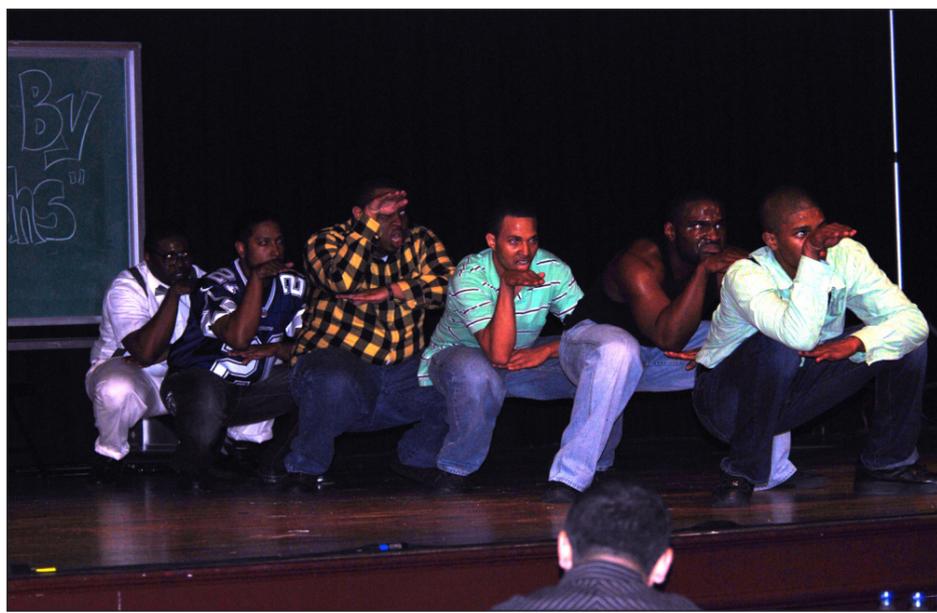
After a brief intermission, the men of Alpha Phi Alpha performed. The curtains were pulled open to reveal a chalkboard with the words, "Saved by the Bruhs." The "Saved by the Bell" theme song began to play and the men started running around before jumping into their routine.

One of the crowd's favorite moves was when the brothers formed a straight line, got low to the ground and did a small wave; forming a giant recoiling snake. They did a step from their chairs and wrapped up the performance by strolling to "Flex" by the Party Boys.

The men of Phi Beta Sigma fraternity were introduced to the audience with a video. They had a "Far East" theme and took the stage down in karate uniforms.

Their performance was very entertaining and earned laughter from the crowd. Senior Brandon Helton claimed to be the strongest brother, but could not break a block of wood. The men received help from junior Stephanie Robinson, seniors Jenny Statler and Hayley Knically and sophomore Ali Welds. They helped the men complete their performance by doing a very intricate step in chairs.

The last performance of the night was from Gamma Eta Sigma, a high school step team from Grimsley High School in Greensboro. Their theme was "Saw" and they came out tied together in chains. A man's voice told them they had to play a game and prove their stepping skills in under 13 minutes. They were released from the chains and went to work. During their performance, they were "knocked out by sleeping



MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer

Fraternity competitors Alpha Phi Omega performed their "Saved by the Bruhs" routine at the Spring Step Show.

gas" and a person dressed in a pig mask dropped off three more members of their group. They kept the theme going as a person with the infamous clown mask from the "Saw" movies rode across the stage on a tricycle.

The majority of the crowd gave them a standing ovation as they marched off-stage.

Spencer and Berger came out on stage and announced the winners: Delta Sigma Theta took the prize for the sororities and Phi Beta Sigma took first place for the fraternities.

"I really enjoyed the show," said sophomore Jessica Scales. "I'm glad the Sigmas won. They were very creative and I like how they involved PHC."

The energy in McKinnon was infectious. "All the organizations represented themselves well and they did a great job of keeping the crowd hype," freshman Jeffrey Williams said.



MOLLY CAREY | Staff Photographer

Fraternity members from Phi Beta Sigma perform a Far-East inspired routine replete with karate outfits and kung-fu moves. The Phi Beta Sigma team won the fraternity division of the step show competition held Friday, April 9.

# Elon professor's new novel examines complexities of suburban living

Kristen Wrenn  
Reporter

Half the U.S. population lived in the suburbs in 2000. Sprouting on the outskirts of cities since the mid-19th century, the suburbs are seemingly pristine family neighborhoods. But they are dangerous.

In his new novel, "This is Just Exactly Like You," author Drew Perry explores the damaging nature of cookie-cutter communities and its effects on human interaction.

Perry, an associate professor of English at Elon University, has been working on writing his novel since he completed graduate school in 1999. Never much of a writer, Perry admitted he kept a quote journal in high school, but he always assumed he would end up doing something completely different.

During his college tenure, Perry tried nine different majors but said he felt most at home in his creative writing class. His teacher persuaded him to apply for graduate school in Greensboro, where he began working on his novel.

After several tossed drafts, Perry established a story. For the last four or five years, he has been revising and finessing the plot and characters.

The story is about a group of adults caught up in the destructive vortex of suburban life.

Perry tells his students, "I find it virtually impossible to make anything completely up." So, while his characters exist in a fictional reality — and for the most part are fictional — they do parallel aspects of Perry's life.

"My characters are versions of the person I'm terrified I might be," Perry said.

Jack Lang, the centerpiece of the novel, is far from

perfect. He buys a house across the street from the one he already owns, sending his wife running into the arms of his best friend and neighbor Terry Canavan. Jack is not a great husband and is afraid of the world in certain ways, Perry said.

"(His) foibles and inconsistencies are the foibles and inconsistencies I'm afraid are true about me," Perry said.

Also a central fixture in the novel is Jack's autistic son, Hendrick. Inspired by Perry's own brother, who is successfully living with autism, Hendrick provides juxtaposition to the other characters of the story. While the story is mostly about the adults, Perry found a productive quality in Hendrick's condition.

"One of the hallmarks of autism is that there is a kind of filterlessness to that experience where a person with autism, particularly a child with autism, will just tell you the way the world is," he said. "(Hendrick) seems to actually be able to see the world up against these adults who kind of can't see the world."

At its core, Perry finds his story to be about the falseness of the suburban life experience and the ways in which people hurt each other, something Perry has always found fascinating.

"These characters are damaging the hell out of each other," he said, "but they aren't necessarily doing it on purpose."

Perry hopes his work will provide readers with an honest, hopeful story.

"I hate the sort of . . . easy endings," he said. "I don't think we have those very often in our own lives."

Perry is currently working on a second novel and teaching creative writing courses.

**"MY CHARACTERS ARE VERSIONS OF THE PERSON I'M TERRIFIED I MIGHT BE."**

—DREW PERRY  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH

## FILM REVIEW

★★★★☆

# No need to ask 'Where's Waldo'

*Senior communications student creates his own version*

Marlena Chertock  
Design Intern

Waldo has been found. He is a quirky, fun-loving guy who rides around on a bike. He is a Francophile and enjoys quoting famous writers.

Sound anything like the "Where's Waldo" books? Elon University seniors Max Cantor and Eddie Schmit have created their own version of the Waldo character in "Waldo and the Absolutely Amazing Afternoon." The short film was shown April 7 in the McEwen screening room.

The film took an interesting angle on the Waldo character. Waldo (played by sophomore Grant Gustin) came to visit his sister, Victoria Waldorf (played by sophomore Kathryn Borders) and her boyfriend Daniel (played by senior Christopher Wood).

Despite its short length, the film offered an entrance into Waldo's mind. He seemed to be searching for home, for identity, for a sense of belonging, while also being a loveable goof.

Daniel was not taken with Waldo. He seemed annoyed at Waldo's playfulness and somewhat haughty attitude.

In one scene, Waldo began folding a piece of paper while sitting outside with Daniel. When he finished folding he places his origami creation on Daniel's shoulder. "Le éléphant," he said while Daniel stared blankly.

After Waldo quoted Ralph Waldo Emerson he made sure to clear up confusion with humor.

"His words, not mine," Waldo said. "I wish." Daniel quickly added that he knew as well, seemingly frustrated that Waldo didn't take him seriously.

Humor was laced throughout the film. Cantor added comical moments without making the film a comedy. When Daniel pulled out the book "Lost in the Crowd" and asked Waldo to sign it, the audience laughed together. Waldo was signing his memoirs.

Junior Jordan Mericle summed up the film when she called it "original."

Many of the camera shots showed the characters in silhouette with the sun shining through the window behind them. Sometimes the camera would be situated underneath the characters, giving them a more powerful feel.

"It was visually stunning," junior Maddie Franke said.

Another more visually diverse moment in the film was when Waldo played a solemn song on the piano, in an unlit room, with a cigarette dangling out of his mouth. The car lights passing by were



After the successful screening at Elon, Cantor and Schmit plan on submitting their short film "Waldo" to cinema festivals.

reflected in the window, red and white, just like his infamous shirt. His song on the piano evoked feelings of longing and sadness. He seemed to be lonely and searching for home.

The film was entertaining, with humor and innovative camera shots. Audience members laughed throughout the entire eight minutes.

At the end of the film, some audience members exclaimed, "That's it?" The audience wanted more of Waldo, of the relationship between his sister and him, of his travels and his quirky, lovable character.

Hopefully, they will see more, as Cantor and Schmit seem to have struck gold in their portrayal of the familiar Waldo.

# Decoding the dress code

It seems that as a person grows older there are more invitations to parties or gatherings with a cryptic dress code attached. But before interpreting these requests incorrectly, take a look at these guidelines for some of the most common dress codes.



Alexandra Johnston  
Fashion Columnist

## Casual:

The most basic of dress requests, casual can sometimes be tricky. While many people are content walking out in sweats and a T-shirt on a daily basis, when an invitation says casual, it generally

doesn't mean wear the grubbier thing in the closet. Instead, opt for a nice medium wash of denim or casual khaki paired with a basic tee or blouse. No need to wear the nicest everyday tops or pants — just make sure to look put together and neat.

## Business Casual:

The corporate people of the world are familiar with this tagline. It sometimes seems they live by it. Business casual falls somewhere between casual and black tie. Jeans are not appropriate, but in no way is a tux necessary. For the men, it can either be a suit or a jacket and nice pants. A great way to jazz up this normally boring look is with a really great tie. While over-the-top prints aren't the best, bold vibrant solids or basic bold stripes are very eye-catching.

For women, a conservative dress or nice slacks are appropriate when paired with a sweater or nice blouse. Bare shoulders are not generally appropriate, but a blazer can be a great add-on. The most important thing to remember with business casual is the business aspect. Things that are too tight or too short are not appropriate, and neither are flip flops or beat up footwear.

Similar to business casual is dressy casual. This oxymoron generally requires nice pants or a dress; something that might be worn to church or other ceremony-like events.

## Cocktail:

Cocktail parties are generally evening events somewhere between casual and black tie. Men can get away with a nice pair of pants and a button down, but sometimes a tie and jacket are required. For women, a short dress is appropriate, but it needs to be made of silk, satin or other evening material to really be considered cocktail appropriate. Cocktail attire really gives the wearer a lot of freedom when it comes to silhouettes and styles. Make sure to pick something that exudes confidence.

## Black Tie:

On the opposite end of the spectrum as casual is black tie, generally reserved for fancy parties, weddings or big events. For men, a tuxedo is generally the most appropriate option. Bow ties are classic with this look, but in recent years, Hollywood starlets have worn skinny black ties as an alternative. For women, it can get a little more complicated. A long evening dress is usually a good compliment to the tuxedo, but a more conservative cocktail or dressy tea length dress can also work well.

Invitations to parties and events is always exciting, but be sure to keep these tips in mind while dressing to make sure each outfit is appropriate.

# 21st century college etiquette:

## Avoid crossing the line

Lauren Ramsdell  
Arts and Entertainment Editor

Knowing how to cover your tracks after a misplaced text message or saving face while hung over in class is far more important for college students than knowing which fork to use or how to fold your napkin properly. Here are a few tips to keep you in good standing with your professors and friends and maybe even make your college life a little easier.

**Darn it! I went out last night and ... well, other than all of those disastrous pictures on Facebook, now I'm late to class due to ... dehydration. I can't focus and now my professor is calling on me!**

Partying is a facet of college life. Whether you do or do not participate, it will most likely affect your life. But going out too often and missing class time is wasting you or your parents' money, and it's definitely wasting the professor's time. If you waste professors' time by coming in late and disrupting class, they may not "waste your time" by giving you study tips or reading over your term paper, which could prevent a better grade, or just passing the class.

Keep the partying minimal. There is absolutely no reason to go out every single night of the week. Your friends will still be there on the weekends, but your job opportunities if you flunk a few classes will dry up.

If you must go out, give yourself a time limit. The average college student needs between eight and nine and a half hours of sleep per night. If you have a 9:25 a.m. class, make sure you're snug in bed between 11:30 p.m. and 1 a.m. Give yourself enough time (about 30 minutes) to brush your teeth and hair and meander to class.

When called on and you have not followed the above tips, be honest. If you don't know, say that you don't know. You don't have to detail why exactly you look and feel like you got hit by a truck, but just admitting that you weren't paying attention looks better than floundering for an answer in your already addled brain.

**At that party last night, I accidentally sent a text to Johnny that was supposed to go to Julie about Johnny. Or was it Janie? Anyway, I messed up. What do I do?**

More ubiquitous than the e-mail gaffe, the text message twist is terrible for everyone involved.

Double-triple-quadruple check to whom you're sending the message. If you got the message from Julie, hit reply instead of crafting a new message. If you're sending a new message, carefully select the recipient and check again right before you hit send.

If you did mess up, 'fess up. Tell Johnny how you really feel. Getting things out in the open will help smooth over any drama faster.

Just don't say anything personal or private over text messages. You don't want to have any misunderstandings, and you definitely don't want to end up on "Texts from Last Night." If it's so important to say, go find Julie and let her know. That way you're sure that you're talking to the right person.

If you really have to disseminate personal information, come up with a kind of code language so that no one else knows what you're talking about.

**Oh no! I think that e-mail I just sent to my professor came across as mean when that's not what I meant at all! What do I do?**

This scenario has happened to almost everyone at least once. You e-mail your professor asking about the night's reading and once you hit "send" you realize you wrote more of a demand for information rather than a request for help. Of course you don't want your professor to think you're insensitive, so damage control is the best option.

Preventative measures are key. Before sending anything at all through e-mail — to your professor, to your mom, to your roommate — read it thoroughly. Check for spelling errors, grammatical errors, and, most importantly, the tone of your e-mail. Bear in mind that with the absence of facial expressions, it's laughably easy to misinterpret a message.

If you've already hit "send" immediately write another e-mail. It will appear first in their inbox, and chances are they'll read that one first. Don't send a message such as "Disregard other e-mail. Here is the real message." Be cordial and polite and plainly state that you misworded the other e-mail, and then rephrase correctly, lest you drop two angry-sounding e-mails at once.

Talk to the professor in person the next time you have class to make sure the real message came across clearly. Following up will also help clear up any remaining misunderstandings that may have arisen.

**I was invited to a friend of a friend's apartment, but I don't want to go.**

**How do I decline the invitation?**

It's a fact that you're going to have friends of friends with whom you don't get along. The worst you can do is insult your friend, but if you handle the situation properly, you don't have to.

Do not go into the specific reasons you don't want to go to the friend-of-a-friend's place. Your friend should be happy with a simple "I don't really want to," or if you feel like stretching the truth, "I'm tired." If you let them know that you think their best friend Johnny's a dud (while better than sending it through text message), your friend will likely get mad at you.

Make sure it's clear that it's not a personal attack on your friend. You might just not feel like it, or you and Johnny might have bad blood. Regardless, it's not about your relationship with your friend. It's about you not wanting a relationship with your friend's friend.

## "Creating magic" through directing and teaching Performing arts professor honored with William S. Long award

Marlena Chertock  
Design Intern

A high-pitched voice flows out under the door singing "Part of Your World" from Disney's movie "The Little Mermaid."

Suddenly, another voice asks the first to stop, listen to the piano pitch and try again. The singing begins once more.

Behind the door, Elon University's performing arts professor Catherine McNeela is hard at work helping a student during a one-on-one voice lesson. She has many of these meetings with students, listening to them perform and helping them to improve.

McNeela has recently been awarded the William S. Long Endowed Professorship, a prestigious honor, by the Elon's president, Leo Lambert.

McNeela came to Elon 20 years ago and began the performing arts program. McNeela said she and several other professors created a Bachelor of Fine Arts in music theater, a Bachelor of Fine Arts in acting and dance, a B.A. in theatre studies and a

B.A. in design tech.

"I was so honored to receive the William S. Long Endowed Professorship," she said. "I'm guessing that's why I got the award. Because the music theatre program, which is my baby."

Elon's music theatre program is now considered one of the top in the nation, according to McNeela. The rise of the program happened in a relatively short amount of time.

"What dramatically changed is the number of students interested in being in this program," McNeela said. "(It's) much more competitive."

There were three musical theatre graduates in 1995. In that year, six people auditioned for the program and three were chosen. This year, 400 high school seniors auditioned for the freshmen class. Only 16 to 20 students spots are available.

The strength of the performing arts program is its faculty, according to McNeela.

To become a program that stands out "you really need to be what we call the triple threat," she said. "Equally fabulous

acting teachers, dance teachers and voice teachers. And the faculty is filled with people who love to teach but also are professionals in the real world."

McNeela said the program tries to foster a healthy, competitive atmosphere. She said the faculty teaches students to sing, act and dance as well as how to be good team players and good human beings.

"I love that about us," she said. "I love that my students are grateful, and I remind them of that all the time."

Theatre is a program that needs to remain current, McNeela said.

"I will always be trying to improve what we do here until I go off to the home," she said. "Because the industry is constantly changing. A big need right now ... is to teach pop styling. There's so many musicals now that really require that kind of voice."

McNeela most recently directed the Grand Night of Singing 18 an annual performance where all the music theatre majors come together and perform. She said she tries to give the students

the responsibility to run the show.

McNeela will have more time to spend with students individually and to direct shows like Grand Night. The William S. Long award offers money and a course release.

She said the money will be wonderful because she will be able to attend shows, take classes and travel to Los Angeles to meet with casting directors. McNeela said these opportunities will make her a better teacher.

"Dr. Lambert told me I get a big medallion so I'm really looking forward to that because a girl can't have too much jewelry," she said.

McNeela seemed wary of the other aspect of the award, where she is only required to teach one course.

"Frankly, I won't take that because I can't give up anything that I do right now," she said. "I don't want to give up teaching voice, and I don't want to not direct, and I don't want to not teach my performance in music theatre class or my senior seminar. Maybe they can give me a pink pony instead. I'll take that."



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Professor of Performing Arts Catherine McNeela was recently honored for her 20 years of dedicated work in Elon's musical theatre program. President Leo Lambert gave McNeela the William S. Long Endowment. The award offers McNeela course release and money to take improve her skills.

# An unexpected find: *The rewards of eBay*

Liv Dubendorf  
Reporter

One man's trash is truly another man's treasure. And Wendy Anderson makes sure that the treasure goes to the highest bidder on the Internet.

With a little business experience, a nose for bargains, computer savvy and a talent for intense research, she set up shop. Anderson helps average people get rid of the junk that's cluttering their homes and puts a little change in their pockets by selling it on eBay.

Her business is located in a quaint house on Market Street in Greensboro with a green metal roof. The glass-paneled door to the store scatters light in all directions as it creaks open, illuminating the unique pieces of artwork that crowd the workshop. Rapid scratching and the patter of tiny feet sound the arrival of Sooner and Madison, two small dogs and the designated greeters. At the heels of these wiry dogs, is a tall, slender woman. Her casual stroll gives the impression that she's floating. She briskly walks around the store, making sure everything is orderly.

At first glance, this looks like an average framing store. But seemingly misplaced and mismatched items catch the eye. A revolutionary rifle, wheels to a Chevrolet, colorful ceramic vases, cat scratching mats, even a Nordic track, all make their home in this beautiful, eclectic and spotless store.

Anderson's eBay consignment store is located within the already established 1910 Frame Factory, which has been open for 30 years. The framing company is owned by Doug Balentine, a long-time family friend.

"I had been coming to Doug for years," Anderson said. "He's the best framer in the area."

The business partnership was a natural fit. Anderson gets along with the 15 framers at the frame store.

"[Doug is] well-liked and well respected. The working environment is the best. I feel really happy here," she said.

Anderson was born in Alexandria,



LIV DUBENDORF | Photographer  
Wendy Anderson helps people sell their belongings on eBay with her consignment store. The store is located within an already established store, 1910 Frame Factory. Anderson does research on each item that is delivered to her so she can find a good idea on each item's value.

Va., the daughter of a D.C. stockbroker from Pittsburgh, Pa.

She grew up in the Greensboro area and attended University of North Carolina at Greensboro for one year before leaving school to get married to a man more than twice her age.

She was married twice before she met her third husband, Carl Anderson, who originally worked in the oil business. Wendy Anderson describes him as the perfect husband. He was also 33 years her senior.

Within a short time period, Wendy Anderson's husband, mother and aunt died. In order to be closer to her remaining family, she moved back to the Greensboro area.

In order to keep herself busy, she bought a house, renovated and redecorated it and sold it. Although this was a profitable endeavor, Anderson wanted a more consistent way to help people doing something she loved.

"I did eBay for years," Anderson said.

Because of her love of decoration and organization, she thought she could help people reorganize their things and sell their unused items.

She opened her business in October but didn't hang a sign out front until January. Business was slow but steady at first. On Easter Sunday, an article was published in the Greensboro News & Record that changed everything.

"The Monday after Easter, 25 people stopped by the store," Anderson said. "The phones have been ringing ever since."

Her eBay consignment store is everything she could have hoped for.

"I like the variety," said Anderson. "I'm getting to meet people in town that I never knew."

In addition to networking, Anderson says that she enjoys the help she can provide people.

In a tough economy, one would

assume that business would decrease but Anderson says it's just the opposite. She said that in this tough economy, people see they can make some money by selling their junk. In turn, Anderson's business is booming, she said.

When a customer comes to Anderson with an item, the first step is her favorite - research.

"I'm a research geek," Anderson said. "I want to know everything about each article."

She looks up similar items on eBay to see their list price and value in order to give the seller a better idea of a good asking price. Anderson says that she loves to dig.

"I find the style, the material, when it's made," Anderson said. "It's not an exact science."

Even though it's all guesswork, she is able to have a pretty good idea of an item's value.

The business model is simple: the higher the value of an item, the less her fee is for selling it. "It starts at 35 percent, so the more expensive the item, the more my cut goes down."

Anderson has sold a wide variety of different items. She said the strangest thing she listed was an 18th century nutmeg grater. She looks at all items from the smallest to the largest — she currently has a 2005 Jaguar that's going on eBay. Anderson is prepared for any challenge.

Anderson says the worst part of her job is telling people bad news.

"People think their stuff is more valuable than it is. They assume everyone will want it as much as they do," she said. "I don't like to tell people they're not going to make as much as they'd hoped."

Despite the occasional disappointments, Anderson is happy with her current business.

"I feel like I'm just doing something I love. The publicity itself is something I never thought about," she said.

In the future, she wants to break into the world of estate sales and hopes to widen her horizons. She adds that she's also interested in the college market.

## APRIL IS ... SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

### Sexual assault in the United States:

- It is estimated that the percentage of complete or attempted rape victimization among women in higher educational institutions may be between 20% and 25% over the course of a college career. (Fisher, Cullen, & Turner, 2000)
- Males can also be victims of sexual violence and may be even less likely to report (Hart & Rennison, 2003)
- Almost 12.8% of completed rapes, 35% of attempted rapes, and 22.9% of threatened rapes happened during a date (Fisher, Cullen & Turner, 2000)
- Rape is far more extensive than reported in official statistics, and the large majority of rapists are never apprehended (Carr & VanDeusen, 2004)
- Between 10 and 20 percent of mental health care expenditures in the U.S. may be attributable to crime victims who seek treatment as a result of their victimization. Total costs per incident of non-fatal rape and sexual assault are estimated at \$87,000, including \$2,200 in productivity losses, \$500 for medical care expenses, \$2,200 for mental health care, and \$81,400 associated with reduced quality of life (NIJ, 1996)

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> Sexversations on April 22 in Linder 102 @ 7:00

# Students STAND up to suffering at anti-genocide rally



**Caitlin O'Donnell**  
Assistant News Editor

Like most, Scott Sutton still remembers adventures from his childhood. But what stands out in his memory most is not playing with his pet monkeys or enjoying braided goat intestines for dinner, rather it's the pain he felt when discovering that his childhood friends were affected by a horrific genocide.

Sutton, who moved from North Carolina to Chad, Africa, a country bordering Darfur, when he was 4-years-old, brought a message of hope and purpose to Elon's campus as part of STAND's anti-genocide rally.

"We are so used to seeing Africa as a nation that is beat down," he said. "We don't see the human potential, but I can attest to that."

Sutton said when he returned to the United States after growing up in Africa, he was amazed to learn how similar the two cultures truly are.

Though African children play with gazelles rather than puppies and ride on camels rather than in cars, he said the underlying purposes are the same.

"They love community, they love to celebrate, they love to eat lots of food," he said. "The people there are just like you and me."

Sharing images from his youth, Sutton said the friends he grew up with shared similar dreams to his own.

"They were not contemplating rape, death and starvation," he said. "They were contemplating a future of family, hope and fun."

Using a particularly poignant image from his childhood soccer team, Sutton is undertaking a personal project to tell the stories of

his former teammates. He said some lost their lives in the Darfur genocide and others have moved away from the area with hopes of a better life.

"The suffering is so immense and has completely transformed the place where I grew up," Sutton said.

But Sutton hasn't given up hope quite yet. Through structural changes and national cooperation, he said prevention is the key to stopping genocide altogether.

"We are trying to build a nation of people where these crimes, no matter where they occur, are wrong and unacceptable," he said.

STAND, a student-led division of the Genocide Intervention Network, is trying to do just that. Through the rally and other campus events, leader Frank Stiefel, Sophomore, said he hopes students are aware of the anti-genocide movement and how they can have a hand in ending the atrocities occurring in places like Darfur and the Congo.

"After the Holocaust we said 'never again', yet time after time we have allowed genocide to occur right in front of our eyes," Stiefel said. "It is time that we stand up and put meaning back into the phrase 'never again.'"

Kathleen Blackney, Sophomore co-president of STAND, said despite common belief the reality is that genocide is taking place right now.

Citing areas of conflict including Darfur, Burma and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Blackney urged students to not only inform themselves of the situation, but also to petition their representatives to take a definitive stance against genocide.

Specifically, STAND supports the recommendations of the Genocide Prevention Task Force, a group of ex-heads of states who joined together to push reform that would not only



STAND, a student-led division of the Genocide Intervention Network, held a rally Sunday protesting genocide. They wanted to raise awareness that genocide is happening now.

CAITLIN O'DONNELL | Photographer

force the government to acknowledge genocide but pledge, through legislation, to end it.

According to a STAND flyer, these reforms include the addition of language emphasizing the importance of response to genocide and the study of improvements that could be made to the United States' ability to respond to such acts of violence.

"People need to raise their voices and sign petitions," Sutton said. "We need the government to put in this legislation because these people can't help themselves."

Stiefel said though the turnout to the event wasn't as high as he had hoped, one or two impacted lives can be just as powerful as 300 or 400.

"These people will share this information with their family and friends and continue to build a constituency of people in support of the anti-genocide movement," he said.

Blackney said she saw unfamiliar faces in attendance so she hopes more people are now aware of human rights issues.

Katarina O'Regan, a member of Amnesty International, said she has been thinking a lot of human rights because of Holocaust Remembrance Week and hopes to get involved in the movement.

"The stories are so horrific," O'Regan said. "But I like the idea that we are all people and have similar

## Calling all Gleeks!

### Fox hit show 'Glee' begins online casting call, Elon students respond with 1 minute videos

**Kara Frasca**  
Reporter

Fame and fortune may only be a mouse-click away.

Fox hit television show "Glee" is holding its first online open casting call. Men and women between the ages of 16 and 26 can audition to be the show's newest cast member through an online competition.

"Glee" is a musical-comedy television show about a high school glee club. Broadway veterans Lea Michele and Matthew Morrison star in the show. "Glee" aired its pilot May 2009 and was welcomed with rave reviews. Its first season began last September.

"I'm a big fan of the show and watch it every week," said Jack Utrata, a freshman acting and cinema double major.

Utrata plans on auditioning for the show.

"I could be on TV," he said. "It would be really cool to be in that environment. I looked into FOX for internships, but they are hard to get a hold of. So, if I can't be involved in a professional way, I'm going to be involved in the entertainment way."

Utrata began singing in fifth grade with the Charlotte's Childrens Choir. He is in the BFA acting program and recently played Shawn in the student-produced play "Le Chateau Enchante."

Utrata said although the online component is convenient, nothing compares to a live audition.

"I hope my personality comes through and sets me apart from the rest," he said. "But that will be hard to do in an online audition."

Fox is the first major television network to hold online auditions. Online submissions are accepted through a MySpace page. Applicants can submit only one video. They may

also submit a one-minute personal statement.

Sahar Milani, a musical theatre graduate of Elon, also plans on auditioning. She currently lives in Los Angeles and her musical theatre training at Elon has put her at an advantage.

"The music theatre program is unreal," Milani said. "I've been living in L.A. for close to nine months now and I have yet to meet anyone with the talent and dedication that my classmates in the program have."

Milani said that the online component makes the audition process a lot less stressful than a live audition.

"Video auditions are great because there's always a do-over," she said. "If you mess up, you can start again. With a live audition, you've got one shot that's it. So if you blow it, you're done. Life auditions offer different opportunities."

"The pressure is so much more intense," Milani said. "But at the same time, it's nice to be able to make some sort of human contact and be able to gauge the effect you've had on the casting director or whoever is watching. With a video audition, you have no idea if anyone even really looks at it in the first place."

Because so many people are auditioning, contestants must be talented, unique and confident in order to stand out said Utrata.

"I think a lot of people go into situations like this trying to predict what the casting director is looking for," Milani said. "It's so much more effective to just be yourself. I think as long as you go into something like this with an open mind and no preconceived notions, you've already given yourself the upper hand."

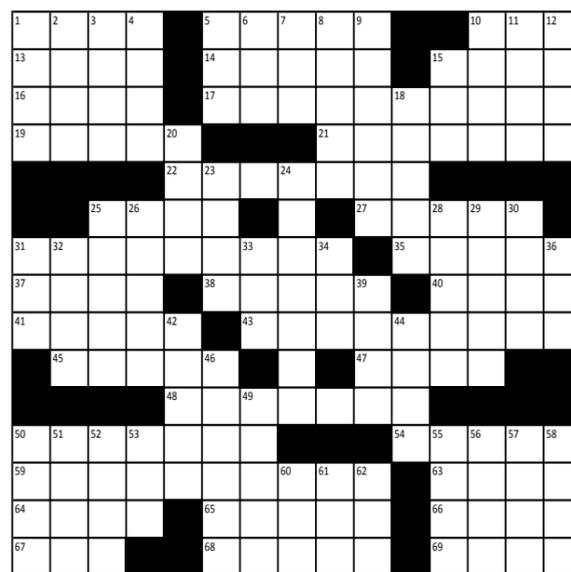
"Glee" returned with its second season on Tuesday, April 13.

## European Connection

by Steve Ferguson, Class of 2011

### ACROSS

- 1 Result of a fender-bender
- 5 What a fathom measures
- 10 On-campus marketing fraternity (abbr.)
- 13 Garfield canine
- 14 Like a ghost town
- 15 Cheese used with ziki wraps
- 16 Singer Turner
- 17 Glass entryway (2 wds.)
- 19 Approve, in a way
- 21 Timeless
- 22 1992 Disney film
- 25 Formal social event
- 27 Christian symbol
- 31 Hot chocolate maker (2 wds.)
- 35 Google rival
- 37 Offer a chair
- 38 Docking areas
- 40 Protective sheet, briefly
- 41 Tendon
- 43 They can make the world happy? (2 wds.)
- 45 Vegas tourist site
- 47 Basks in the sun
- 48 Thickest
- 50 Formal letter
- 54 Small rock
- 59 Paying for one's own dinner (2 wds.)
- 63 Prayer ender
- 64 Dave Matthews's *Big Whiskey and the \_\_\_\_\_ Grux King*
- 65 Andrew Lloyd Webber musical
- 66 Picked up the paper
- 67 Japanese currency
- 68 Star in the Constellation Cygnus
- 69 Picnic pests



### DOWN

- 1 Gum drop brand
- 2 Make adjustments
- 3 One of Columbus's transports
- 4 There's no "I" in it?
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Leppard
- 6 Suffix with musket
- 7 Common prefix, evidently
- 8 Pronged, as a fork
- 9 Like rush hour
- 10 Menial worker
- 11 Ancient Greek portico
- 12 "My Name Is \_\_\_\_\_"
- 15 Featured on a dime (abbr.)
- 18 Ford of Model-T fame
- 20 Good friends
- 23 Genie's home
- 24 Abandons
- 25 New York footballer
- 26 Daisylike flower
- 28 Consisting of grain
- 29 1787 rebellion
- 30 Aching
- 31 Snake's sound
- 32 Former Notre Dame football coach
- 33 Three, Roman-style
- 34 \_\_\_\_\_ Lanka
- 36 Military activities, informally
- 39 Concordes, e.g. (abbr.)
- 42 Distance across
- 44 Tribbles, e.g.
- 46 Hit repeatedly
- 49 Sensitive point
- 50 Provocative
- 51 Untainted
- 52 "Bring \_\_\_\_\_!" (2 wds.)
- 53 Country north of Eng.
- 55 Actress Reid
- 56 Prophetic sign
- 57 Tidy
- 58 What justifies the means
- 60 "Ich bin \_\_\_\_\_ Berliner!"
- 61 Had bisque
- 62 Keyboard key



LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

## THE PENDULUM

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**SPORTS BRIEFS**

**Nkang extendeds career in CFL**

Former Elon University linebacker Chad Nkang signed a contract with the Winnipeg Bombers. The Bombers are a part of the Canadian Football League. Nkang's most recent professional career came in the NFL with the Jacksonville Jaguars, where he played for two seasons.

Nkang played for Elon from 2004-2007. While there, he earned seven Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Month awards. He was also a two-time finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award, given to the most outstanding defensive player in the Football Championship Subdivision.

**Melillo receives honors from CollegeBaseballInsider.com**

After a five-game week batting .476 with two homeruns, senior catcher Mike Melillo was named Southeast Player of the Week by CollegeBaseballInsider.com. This came on the heels of being named Southern Conference Player of the Week on April 5.

So far on the season, Melillo has the highest batting average on the team — .350. He is also leading the team in runs scored with 30.

**Kensrue's performance on the court and in the classroom awarded with scholarship**

Senior Paige Kensrue is scheduled to be honored June 1 at the Southern Conference Honors Dinner presented by the Carolina Ford Dealers in Hilton Head Island. She is set to receive the David Knight Graduate Scholarship for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Kensrue has also received the ITA Scholar Athlete award, a place on the Dean's List and the Southern Conference Commissioner's Medal award during her time at Elon. She has a GPA of 3.86 and will graduate in May with an excersize sports science degree.

**Track and field broke records at its most recent meets**

Two Elon track and field athletes broke school records at the Sea Ray Relays in Knoxville, Tenn., April 9 and Lou Onesty Invitational in Charlottesville, Va., April 9 and 10. Junior runner Emily Fournier broke a school record, one she owned previously as well, in the 3,000-meter run in Tennessee. She finished sixth overall with a time of 10:07.50.

In Virginia, junior thrower Justine Robertson first broke the javelin throw record, hurling it 125 feet and nine inches. The following day, she broke the discus record with a 145-foot-8-inch throw.

The only title of the weekend went to junior Veronica Day, when she lept a distance of 18 feet and 10.5 inches in the long jump. This tied a school record. Day also came in third overall in the triple jump.



**ONE ON ONE**

Christian Binder and Willy Pagliaro  
Sports Commentators

**The NBA postseason: Who's going to win it all?**

*We're approaching the end of the NBA season and it seems the weak are getting weaker and the strong are getting stronger. But when all is said and done, who will win the NBA Championship?*

**Christian Binder:**

At the beginning of the season, I would've said the Los Angeles Lakers. At the All-Star break, I would've said the Lakers. Three weeks ago, I would've said the Lakers. Now, the Lakers are looking like a very vulnerable team with the injuries to Andrew Bynum and Kobe Bryant. Cleveland has far and away looked like the best team for quite some time, but the same could have been said about them last year. If LeBron James and company can keep playing as a unit throughout the playoffs, they'll be celebrating a title.

**Willy Pagliaro:**

I couldn't agree more with you on the Lakers' late struggles and injury problems. They are definitely going to be the favorite coming out of the West, but I see either the Dallas Mavericks or the Denver Nuggets getting in their way. If I had to pick one of these two teams, I would have to choose the Nuggets. They have played well all season, including a 3-1 record against the Lakers, and I think a team that is playing for their cancer-stricken coach in George Karl will be very hard to stop in the playoffs. It's hard to argue going against the "LeBrons" winning it all, but I see them losing in the championship to the Nuggets.

**Christian:**

If I was going to take another team out of the West that

wasn't the Lakers, it'd have to be the Mavericks. I just don't think Carmelo Anthony has enough surrounding him to go all the way. Dirk Nowitzki has a lot of talent surrounding him, and it all starts with how Jason Kidd has played this season. He's only averaging slightly more than 10 points per game, but he is averaging 9.8 assists per game. When you have a point guard who delivers like that but still has a lot of scoring potential, you're poised for greatness. I'm not picking the Mavs to win it all, but right now they are certainly looking like a team that could beat the Lakers in a 7-game series.

**Willy:**

As I said earlier, I think the Mavs are the other team to compete with the Lakers, but I am going to have to disagree with you on Anthony not having enough surrounding him to go all the way. Chauncey "Big Shot" Billups is still a top-tier point guard in this league with playoff experience and in my opinion, he is a better point guard than Jason Kidd right now. With Kenyon Martin returning from injury, Denver will have their trio of big men in Nene Hilario, Chris Anderson and Martin to wear down opponents.

I also think a key part of Denver's success in the playoffs will be determined by how well J.R. Smith shoots the basketball. He is a sixth man that has the ability to score forty in a night, and if he is able to shoot consistently from the three point line, then the Nuggets will be very difficult to beat.

**ELON ATHLETICS THIS WEEK**

APRIL 14 - APRIL 20

**Wednesday**

Women's Tennis @ UNC Greensboro - 3 p.m.  
Softball @ Campbell - 4 p.m.  
Softball @ Campbell - 6 p.m.  
Baseball @ Wake Forest - 6 p.m.

**Friday**

Baseball vs. Western Carolina - 7 p.m.

**Saturday**

Track and Field (Friendship & Freedom Games) - All day  
Men's Tennis vs. East Carolina - 1 p.m.  
Women's Tennis vs. Gardner-Webb - 1 p.m.  
Softball @ Chattanooga - 1 p.m.  
Softball @ Chattanooga - 3 p.m.  
Baseball vs. Western Carolina - 4 p.m.

**Sunday**

Men's Golf (Southern Conference Tournament) - All day  
Women's Golf (Southern Conference Tournament) - All day  
Baseball vs. Western Carolina - 1:30 p.m.  
Softball @ Chattanooga - 2 p.m.

**Monday**

Men's Golf (Southern Conference Tournament) - All day  
Women's Golf (Southern Conference Tournament) - All day

**Tuesday**

Men's Golf (Southern Conference Tournament) - All day  
Women's Golf (Southern Conference Tournament) - All day

**ATHLETIC RESULTS**

APRIL 7 - APRIL 12

**Baseball**

April 9  
Georgia Southern 3  
Elon 10

April 10  
Georgia Southern 5  
Elon 4

April 11  
Georgia Southern 4  
Elon 0

**Softball**

April 8  
Longwood 9  
Elon 0

April 8  
Longwood 4  
Elon 0

April 10  
Furman 4  
Elon 0

April 10  
Furman 2  
Elon 3

April 11  
Furman 0  
Elon 1

**Men's Tennis**

April 10  
Elon 1  
Furman 6

April 11  
Elon 6  
Wofford 1

**Women's Tennis**

April 10  
Elon 3  
Furman 4

April 11  
Elon 6  
Wofford 1

**Men's tennis**

Go online for full coverage of the men's tennis match from Tuesday, April 13 and for the latest update in race to make the Southern Conference tournament.



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# Girdwood uses hard work, emotion to break records

**Conor O'Neill**  
Assistant Sports Editor

Before junior closer Thomas Girdwood takes the mound, he kneels to pray.

Prayer is not uncommon in sports. Football teams take part in pregame prayer, baseball players point to the sky when crossing home plate and others have more subtle ways of showing their respect.

But in the case of Girdwood, few athletes have endured what he has been through since coming to Elon.

When he was in high school, Girdwood's mom, Maggie, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Knowing that she had limited time, she made a list of things to accomplish, Girdwood said.

First, Maggie saw her son graduate high school, then she helped him off to college. Once Girdwood's freshman season had begun, Maggie had just one more thing to see on her list — her son pitch at the collegiate level.

"The night she came to see me pitch was the first time I had ever thrown anything harder than 92 mph," Girdwood remembered. "I think that's the first time I learned how to pitch with emotion."

Maggie died shortly after seeing her son pitch for the Phoenix. But Girdwood carries her memory with him each time he takes the mound and has used baseball as an outlet for dealing with the loss.

"Baseball is my therapy," he said. "If it wasn't for baseball, I don't know what I would've done after she died. But I'm thankful every day that I'm here and that I have the support from my teammates, coaches and family because I wouldn't be here without them."

The team is also thankful to have Girdwood. After just two and a half seasons, Girdwood holds the single-season and career saves records at Elon.

And with a save against No. 20 University of North Carolina April 6, he is tied for the all-time Southern Conference saves record with 29.

## Putting forth effort

There are countless over-used cliches and motivational quotes about working hard to accomplish goals in sports. But the reason these cliches are used so often is that nothing in sports was ever accomplished without hard work.

Girdwood and his achievements at Elon are no exception to this standard, according to teammate and junior shortstop Neal Pritchard.

"He puts in a lot of hard work," Pritchard said. "Countless times he's gone outside of the times we go to the gym as a team to work out on his own. He's a guy who puts in a lot of effort to keep his body and arm in shape."

Assistant coach Nick Brannon, who works primarily with pitchers on the team, also notices the extra time Girdwood puts in.

"He's not one of those guys who does everything out in the front," Brannon said. "He kind of grinds it out and works really hard, and not many people know about it. I'd say he's probably one of the hardest workers on the team."

## Season of mixed results

Girdwood said he knows what type of example he wants to set and is happy to show younger players what it takes to be a SoCon record



FILE PHOTO  
Junior closer Thomas Girdwood has earned a place in the Phoenix record books in his three years at Elon. He holds the school's single-season and career saves records and is tied for the all-time saves record in the SoCon.

holder.

"I like to lead by action, so I could say I feel like I've developed myself more to become a leader on the mound (this year)," Girdwood said.

He added that he has been disappointed so far this season with a lack of "meaningful innings."

This season, Girdwood has recorded just two saves in 14 innings of work. But opponents have batted a dismal .104 against him, and he has an earned run average

of 1.93, lowest among Phoenix pitchers.

In his first two seasons, Girdwood struck out 69 batters in 51.1 innings combined. He recorded 27 saves, including 17 last season, which ranked third most in the country.

"I've been in for a couple tied games, and I've gotten two saves, but I want to be out there with the game on the line," Girdwood said. "That's when I can go out there and show my guys that they've busted their tails for eight

innings and they can trust me to go out there and end the game for them. That's what I want to do. That's what I live for."

Brannon said he agrees that Girdwood is the pitcher who the Phoenix wants on the mound as games are close.

"He's the guy you want with the ball late in the game," Brannon said.

## Preparing for the next level

Coming into the fall part of the season, Girdwood had put together two strong seasons as the Phoenix closer.

But he had done so with only two pitches: a fastball in the low 90s and a slider.

In the fall, Brannon and Girdwood worked to develop a third pitch. Now, Girdwood has effectively added a changeup to his arsenal and consequently made himself more dangerous as a pitcher.

"This year we thought it would be a sneak attack, with (me) throwing a changeup," Girdwood said. "People would never think that. I had only thrown three before this year: One got hit out, one hit off the wall and one was nasty."

According to Pritchard, who currently lives with the closer and also lived with him freshman year, Girdwood is tough to face during practice.

"He plays mind games with me," Pritchard said. "It's been that way since freshman year; we've always hated facing each other. When his slider is on, it's really tough. It looks like a fastball out of his hand."

With a new pitch, the Phoenix all-time career saves leader is improving.

And as a player who can draw on a personal experience and feed off of that emotion, Girdwood said he will aim to continue his dominance throughout the rest of the season.

# Women's tennis season draws to a close

**Sam Calvert**  
Sports Editor

The Elon University women's tennis team is watching its season come to a close, with only two matches left until the end of the season. Wednesday, April 14, the Phoenix will travel to University of North Carolina Greensboro before taking the court in Jimmy Powell Tennis Center for the last time this season against Gardner-Webb University.

This final play will come after a bust weekend on the road, which began April 10. The team lost to Furman University 4-3 but then bounced back the next day with a 6-1 win against Wofford College.

"I think we had a little bit of a bittersweet weekend with winning on Sunday but losing a heartbreaker against Furman on Saturday," senior Paige Kensrue said.

After winning the doubles point to start the match on April 10, the Phoenix was unable to hold on and lost four of its six singles matches. Senior Anna Milian and sophomore Elisa Simonetti clinched the No. 1 doubles match 8-5, and freshman Briana Berne and senior Laura Graybill grabbed the No. 3 doubles position 8-6.

At No. 2 singles, Kensrue won 6-2, 6-2, and Simonetti

won 7-5, 6-2 at the No. 3 spot.

"In the Furman match, we played them very, very close and had opportunities to win," said head coach Elizabeth Anderson. "We made a lot of improvements and played them better than we've ever played them. It's a step forward, and that was positive."

The following day, the team traveled to Spartanburg, S.C., to take on Wofford. Milian, Kensrue, Simonetti, Berne and Graybill all captured singles victories, and sophomore Lauren Sessoms and Kensrue and Berne and Graybill grabbed doubles wins against the Terriers.

"This win restores our hopes," Kensrue said. "It gives everyone their individual confidence back so that we can all go out and really play to the best of our abilities."

The next time for Elon is just up the road at UNCG Wednesday, April 14. Last season, the team lost to the Spartans 5-2.

Anderson said the matchup is a big rivalry for the Phoenix, and the team has to make sure it is ready for the challenge.

"We're going to need to play very solid and really work on fine-tuning a few things," Anderson said. "Each player individually needs to

work on a few things to help us go after them."

Kensrue said the players' desire to win is good, but it can also be distracting.

"We can't get in our own way with how much we really want to win," Kensrue said. "We just have to concentrate on what we've been working on, on the things we know we can do."

The final match of the season is against Gardner-Webb Saturday, April 17 at home.

In the last home match of the season, the team will honor the seniors in their final match at Elon.

"We're looking forward to the match against Gardner-Webb," Anderson said. "I'm excited about senior day on Saturday to honor the seniors who have done a lot for this program over the last four years."

This final season is one in which the team has already surpassed where they were last year. So far, the team has 14 wins, whereas the team earned 13 wins in the entirety of last season. Kensrue said Elon is looking to finish the season on a high.

"The biggest thing is to go out strong, hopefully with two big wins," Kensrue said. "We want to end our season the way we wanted and to do it our way."



FILE PHOTO  
Sophomore Elisa Simonetti waits for her partner, senior Anna Milian, to serve in their match against Samford University April 3. Last weekend, the pair won its match against Furman University, but dropped its match against Wofford College.

# Two-sport athlete takes on track and field competition

Pam Richter  
Editor-in-Chief

On March 5, it looked as if senior Urysla Cotton's career as a collegiate athlete was over when the Elon women's basketball team was defeated by Samford University in the quarterfinals of the Southern Conference tournament. But eight days later, Cotton rocked the SoCon again. This time it wasn't on the basketball court, but as a member of the track and field team.

Cotton's first track and field meet of her collegiate career took place March 13 and 14 at Coastal Carolina University. This was her first competitive meet in nearly four years since she was a senior at Apex High School in Apex, N.C.

"For four years I always wanted to continue doing track (and field) in my college career," Cotton said. "I thought it would interfere with basketball."

During the Coastal Carolina meet, Cotton not only competed, but also was successful with a throw of 44 feet and 9.75 inches in the shot put. This set a new school record by nearly three feet and currently ranks first in the SoCon.

## Athleticism prevails

Cotton ranks third in career blocked shots and seventh in career rebounds with 687 in the Phoenix women's basketball record books.

For her to have her name inked in both the women's basketball and the track and field record books, Cotton needed a high level of athleticism.

"No doubt basketball was an incredible cross trainer for her," assistant track and field coach Matt Roden said. "She had a successful collegiate career with basketball, and it improved her athleticism. It made a huge impact."

Roden said the track coaches were aware of the success Cotton had in track and field at the high school level, where she placed third at the 2006 Outdoor North Carolina State championship in the shot put with a throw of 42 feet and nine inches during her senior season.

## Mental edge

The Elon women's basketball coach, Karen Barefoot, said she isn't surprised at the success Cotton has had while participating in track and field. Barefoot said not only is she athletic, but she also has the competitive mental toughness needed to be successful.

"When she gets focused and mentally tough, that's when she peaks," Barefoot said. "When she doesn't put any pressure on herself ... she can do anything."

Roden said he agrees with Barefoot, and he said during the past four seasons basketball has helped to develop her mental toughness.

"At the first practice, you can tell that she was a great competitor and that's easy to work with," Roden said. "Her success on the basketball court carried forward mentally, and she has a great attitude when it comes to throwing."

Her teammates as well as her coaches recognize this mental edge. Justine Robertson, a junior thrower on the team, said everyone on the team feeds off her energy.

"Just having someone there knowing that she is going to have a great mark helps push you that much more," Robertson said. "If they are working that hard, then you have to push that much harder."

For Robertson, the best example of this was April 10 and 11 at the Lou Onesty Invitational in Charlottesville, Va. Robertson broke the school's discus record with a throw of 145 feet and eight inches, which defeated the last record by more than six feet.

"I think Justine was able to see that



Senior Urysla Cotton has played four years for the Elon women's basketball team. As the newest member on the women's track and field team she set a school record in the shot put with a throw of 44 feet and 9.75 inches in her first meet with the Phoenix at the Coastal Carolina Invite in Conway, S.C.



During Cotton's four years on the basketball team, she ranked third in career blocked shots and seventh in career rebounds. In her senior season, she averaged 7.8 rebounds per game and blocked 50 shots while starting in all 31 games of the 2009-2010 season.

competitiveness in Urysla, and I think Justine really gobbled that up and ran with that, too," Roden said. "In some situations athletes may get jealous. Not true with our team and not true with Justine. Urysla just really encouraged Justine to do her best."

## Boost for the track team

Since Cotton had only eight days between when the basketball season ended to her first track meet, she joined the team after it had already begun practicing.

Robertson said everyone was excited when Cotton joined the team and said because of the success Cotton has had,

she is even more excited for the SoCon meet April 23-25.

"She's going to give us a tremendous amount of points that we didn't anticipate at the beginning of the season," Robertson said. "She's a big meet competitor. When the competition is really high, she's a good competitor. It'll be exciting to see the conference (meet) this year."

Last season, the Phoenix finished fourth in the SoCon Championship, which was the team's highest finish at the meet.

For Cotton, her goal for the remaining meets is simple.

"I just want to continue to get better, by beating my own PR and improving," she said.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**1st** Cotton's ranking in the Southern Conference out of all shot putters this season.

**3** feet by which Cotton beat the school record in shot put this season.

**4** years since Cotton has thrown competitively in a track meet

**43'9 3/4"** Cotton's second best throw of the season and her second shot put title of the season on April 3 at the Liberty Invitational.

**44'9 3/4"** the best throw of the shot put in the Southern Conference this season. Cotton threw this in the opening meet on March 12 and 13 at Coastal Carolina.

BREAKING DOWN COTTON'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Future after track

After Cotton throws her last shot put, her career as an Elon athlete and student will be over. She is graduating in May with a degree in communications.

This summer she is planning on playing in a semi-pro basketball league and trying to find a job playing overseas.

"I'm taking baby steps," Cotton said. "My coaches are helping me and I have a highlight tape of me playing."

Even though she has been at the top of the list for the shot put in the SoCon this season, Cotton said her true love has always been basketball.

"My dream is to continue playing," she said. "Even as a little girl, I wanted to continue to play professionally."

# Softball stays in second with series win

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Sports Editor

With one more win, the Elon University softball team will have doubled its Southern Conference wins for the year with a month left in the season.

After a two-win weekend against Furman University, the team pulls to 26-11 overall and 11-4 in the SoCon.

"This was a big series win," head coach Patti Raduenz said. "It helps us put our future in our own hands."

In the final game in the series against Furman April 11, the Phoenix recorded a single hit — a homerun by freshman outfielder Tomeka Watson. The run was all Elon needed to capture the series on a 1-0 win.

Junior pitcher Lauren Taylor pitched all seven innings of the game for Elon, giving up five hits but no runs.

"We improved each game (throughout the weekend)," Watson said. "We talked about taking care of ourselves and how, if we all took care of ourselves, then we could come together as a team."

The first two games of the series were played April 10, with the Phoenix and the Paladins splitting games.

Furman took the first match-up 4-0, but Elon came out ahead in the second game 3-2. Juniors second baseman Jacqueline Gonzalez and outfielder Emerald Graham and sophomore pitcher Erin O'Shea all scored runs in the Phoenix victory.

"(This weekend) shows me their work ethic and their willingness to keep working," Raduenz said. "We're finding ways to win games."

The team just concluded a five-game home stretch, in which it finished 2-3. Elon's current home record is 23-7.

"I don't think there's a big difference between road and home games," Raduenz said. "But it's always nice to play in front of home fans on a field we know."

Elon will travel to Campbell University to play at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 14.

Last year, the Camels defeated the Phoenix twice, with scores of 10-0 and 18-1.

"This is a completely different year, and this is a completely different team," Raduenz said.

Currently, Campbell is experiencing a five-game losing streak. Its overall record is 15-23-1.

Watson said the team's atmosphere and interaction will be a major part of gaining a win against the Camels.

"We have to work together and support and believe in one another," she said.

Because only four teams get into the SoCon tournament, Elon has to be at the top of the conference to make it to the postseason. After the weekend, the team is second in the conference, behind University of Tennessee Chattanooga, which is undefeated in the SoCon.



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Freshman outfielder Tomeka Watson hits a ball earlier in the season. This past weekend Watson had the lone run in the 1-0 victory over Furman University. The team will travel to Campbell University to play at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 14.

The two-day tournament begins on May 13. Raduenz said it's important, but the team is focusing on the present.

"We don't want to get caught looking too far into the future," she said.

The Phoenix has 17 games until the tournament,

nine of which are SoCon games. The next conference match-up is against Chattanooga April 17 on the road.

"We're going to do the same thing we've been doing," Watson said. "We're taking it one game at a time, and hopefully we'll win it all."

## Impact of a freshman on the team

The April 11 game against Furman University marked the second time this season that freshman outfielder Tomeka Watson had the only run in a 1-0 victory. The first came against No. 20 North Carolina on March 17.

Watson, a Jackson, Ga. native, began the season in right field, but in recent games has switched to left field. She consistently bats either second or third in the lineup.

"She's so consistent," head coach Patti

Raduenz said. "From practice to games, she has the right mentality. She's probably the most consistent kid on the team, and it shows in her performance."

So far this season, Watson has an on-base percentage of .409, with 27 runs on 45 hits and nine walks. She also recorded four homeruns.

"She takes care of the little things," Raduenz said. "She doesn't always try to make the big plays, but instead she takes care of the plays that matter."

# Game against Wake Forest, weekend series to propel Phoenix

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A familiar non-conference foe in Liberty University and a Southern Conference series against Western Carolina University face the Phoenix after two losses to end last weekend's SoCon series against Georgia Southern University.

April 12, the Georgia Southern Eagles handed the Phoenix its sixth conference loss of the season in a 4-0 decision. The Phoenix bats were limited to four hits from junior Eagle's pitcher Andy Moye, who struck out eight in seven innings of work.

Head coach Mike Kennedy said that pitching was the difference in Sunday's contest.

"(Moye) was obviously very good, and we couldn't get our bats started against him," Kennedy said. "He threw a great game, kept runners off base and threw seven great innings."

Sunday's shutout was the first time the Phoenix has not earned a run in SoCon play since joining the conference in 2004.

Elon reached base only eight times Sunday, with four singles and four walks. Georgia Southern didn't allow a single extra base hit.

Sunday's game came on the heels of a topsy-turvy weekend series between the Phoenix and the Eagles.

Elon's bats came alive on the first contest of the weekend, as the Phoenix pieced together a six-run



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Freshman infielder Chris Bresnahan slides back to first base in Sunday's game against Georgia Southern University. Bresnahan got walked once in the game against the Eagles.

seventh inning on its way to a 10-3 victory.

But Saturday's game snapped the Phoenix streak of seven consecutive SoCon victories, with a 5-4 loss. According to Kennedy, that game was the turning point of the weekend series.

"Our bats went cold, and after an exciting Friday night, it was unfortunate to see our offense dip

for the rest of the series," Kennedy said.

On Wednesday, April 14, the team travel to Winston-Salem to take on a Wake Forest University team the Phoenix has already faced once this season. The teams squared off March 31, with the Phoenix slugging its way to a 17-12 victory from Latham Park. The contest provided two home runs and four extra-base hits in total for

the Phoenix.

Elon has won its past six games against Wake Forest, and will look to improve on its perfect 4-0 ledger against the ACC this season.

This weekend, the Phoenix will host a crucial three-game set against the Western Carolina Catamounts. Elon looks to improve its conference resume in the heart of conference play.

With its last loss, the team is now 21-12 overall, with a 9-6 mark in SoCon play. According to Kennedy, every game until the end of the season will help decide the fate of this year's club.

"Our schedule is such that we can't not play our best, and still hope to win," Kennedy said. "We cannot afford to give away any more conference games."

Coming off back-to-back regular-season SoCon championships and championships in three of the last four years, the Phoenix is currently sitting in fourth place in conference standings. Elon's six conference losses this year already caps the four losses in the SoCon last year, when the team won the conference championship with a 23-4 record in league play.

Western Carolina, who has had a history of conference success with 13 league championships, will travel to Latham Park for the weekend series.

"To get to where we want to be, our team needs to recover mentally, get our minds right and continue to compete," Kennedy said.

# Sports

## Skillz on Wheelz helps raise awareness on campus



Elon's Leisure and Sports Management Society organized its annual Skillz on Wheelz tournament. The round-robin style North Carolina Electric Wheelchair Hockey Association and the Greensboro Cerebral Palsy Foundation.

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tournament held April 10 raised money for the

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With a grunt, a basketball is passed to a teammate. After dribbling once, the athlete puts the ball in his lap and rushes down the court. In this game of basketball one needs both hands not only to shoot, but also to move up and down the court.

The fourth annual Skillz on Wheelz tournament took place Saturday, April 10 in Alumni Gym. Skillz on Wheelz is a three-on-three basketball tournament where participants play in wheelchairs.

The event raises money for the North Carolina Electric Wheelchair Hockey Association and the Greensboro Cerebral Palsy Foundation. In past years Skillz on Wheelz has raised up to \$10,000.

Elon freshman Shana Simon participated in the tournament with her sorority. Simon said it was more personal because people from the charities were actually at the event.

Elon's Leisure and Sports Management Society organized the event. The idea began in the Leisure Sports Management class event planning in the fall of 2006.

Skillz on Wheelz was the idea of Elon alumnus Josh Cranfill who is now the vice president of the North Carolina Electric Wheelchair Hockey Association.

The tournament consists of general round-robin play with each team playing three games. The teams are then split into tournament brackets. Each game is comprised of two five-minute halves on one half of a basketball court.

This year's event had eight teams, consisting of both students and faculty. Blazin' Saddles and Ballerific were just two examples of teams that came out to experience what it is like to be confined to a wheelchair.

"Turning around is so hard," freshman Sarah Perkinson said. "It's easier to take one little step then to wheel forward the catch the ball. I have not made one basket."

The championship game was between the Maynard Ballers and Leisure and Sports Management faculty. In a close game that came down to the last two minutes, the Maynard Ballers won 5-3.

The goal of the organization is to spread awareness through Skillz on Wheelz by giving participants a chance to understand the challenges of being wheelchair-bound.

"You want to shoot with your legs but you can't, and you want to jump and crowd the basket for a rebound but you can't do that," senior William Kim said.

Leisure and Sports Management plans to hold the event again next year. It hopes for greater campus and community involvement in the event so they can spread awareness and raise money for their charities.



Various participants show their "skillz" April 10 during the round-robin tournament. The Skillz on Wheelz tournament also served as a way to spread awareness of the challenges of being in a wheelchair.