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Palin hopes to hit grand slam at Elon in Thursday's rally

Andie Diemer
News Editor

Republican Vice Presidential Candidate Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin and country star Hank Williams Jr. are scheduled to hold a "Road to Victory Rally" at 3 p.m. Thursday at Latham Park baseball stadium.

Gates will open at 12 p.m.

Free tickets, which are required to attend, will be distributed in Koury Athletics Center until 5 p.m. today. Only students, Elon faculty and staff will be able to receive tickets at this location.

Only one ticket is permitted per each Phoenix card swipe.

Public tickets can be picked up at McCain-Palin "Victory" offices in Durham, Goldsboro, Greensboro,

Greenville/High Point, Raleigh, Rocky Mount and Winston-Salem. They are limited to two tickets per person and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

No bags, folding chairs or signs will be permitted inside the venue.

Phoenix Drive will be closed to thru traffic Thursday afternoon and additional parking will be available at Firehouse Field on Williamson Avenue.

Nick Ochsner, president of College Republicans, said he excited to have someone of Palin's magnitude present on campus.

"It's exciting to use this as an opportunity to invite people from all across the state to take part in the political process," he said. "This will provide not only some good exposure for Elon but will also be a good

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experience for the Elon community to interact together and really have a conversation about this election."

Ochsner said volunteers were beginning to be rounded up to help staff the event as early as Sunday night.

He said he expects the community to be eager to hear what she has to say, learn more about the McCain-Palin plan for the future and experience having such a big person on campus.

Student Body President Chase Rumley said Palin's visit reflects very positively on Elon, especially considering Former President Bill Clinton's visited the university in the spring.

"It will be interesting to see if her speech is more student or community focused and who her message speaks to," Rumley said. "I think everyone will be respectful."

Palin will also speak on Thursday at 8 a.m. at Bangor International Airport in Bangor, Maine and again at 10 a.m. at United Sports Training Center in Chester County, Pa.

Both events are open to the public and free.

Palin will also make an appearance at an event in Greensboro later that evening.

THE EVER ELON OPUS



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Stephen Futrell, associate professor of music, directs the Elon University Camerata as it performs the Alma Mater at the Ever Elon gala. Futrell added a third verse to the original lyrics which made its debut at the black-tie event on Saturday night.

Campaign kickoff dazzles despite damp economy

Olivia Hubert-Allen
Editor-in-Chief

Elon University kicked off its most ambitious fundraising campaign to date with the launch of the public phase of the Ever Elon campaign last weekend. The campaign is set to tally \$100 million over a five-year period that is expected to be completed by May 31, 2011.

The campaign is already two years in and has raised \$59.1 million, most of which comes from six and seven figure gifts from top donors.

Despite the turbulent economic climate that has seen many investments lose as much as 18 percent of their value in the past two weeks, organizers say they're not overly concerned about meeting their goal — at least not yet.

"Let's all bear in mind what this university has overcome before," said Leo Lambert, president of Elon. "We have overcome fire. We have overcome world wars. We have overcome economic downturns. But the Phoenix

always rises."

A possible scenario if the economy prohibits donors from giving might be an extension of the time frame in which the Ever Elon campaign must be completed. It is something that the board of trustees would need to consider in upcoming years if the campaign gets off track.

But for now spirits are high, as was seen this past weekend when all of Elon's advisory boards, the board of trustees, other friends of the university and students gathered for a weekend kickoff event that featured a town hall-style meeting, faculty-led seminars and an extravagant black-tie gala.

"I must be the most optimistic guy in America," said Lambert. "I can't feel anything but optimism about the future of this country and the quality of our future leaders."

The weekend called on students from all over the

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Owner of lot lifts parking ban on Obama supporters

Whitney Bossie
News Editor

"Obama supporter? Obama bumper sticker? NO PARKING!"

Gibsonville resident Tim Henderson had this sign, targeting Obama supporters, posted in the parking lot he owns for about a week. After speaking with the mayor of Gibsonville and witnessing the controversy the sign created, Henderson decided to remove the sign.

"I made my point," he said. "I delivered my message."

In the past, state employees who work in a nearby office have parked in the lot, which is located in Gibsonville's downtown area. The previous owner of the lot had a lease agreement with the office that allowed employees to park in the lot for free. Henderson said he purchased the property in April and did not find out about the agreement until afterward.

He decided to respect the existing agreement and continue to let the employees park in the lot free of charge.

Those employees, combined with employees from Henderson's company, filled and, at times, overflowed the lot. So, Henderson came up with a solution.

"I wanted to thin the herd a little bit," he said. "If I had to single out anyone, I thought it made sense to single out the people who see the world in a different light than I do."

But he didn't anticipate the ensuing response.

Lenny Williams, the mayor of Gibsonville, said the situation attracted media from across the country.

"I've had people call from Las Vegas, South Carolina, Virginia — all over," Williams said. "We decided together to take the sign down out of concern for the town's image."

Williams said many

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Above: T-shirt and bake sales aimed to raise funds.



Right: Students spent up to four hours walking the track.

Students walk for 'Invisible Children'

Kelly Robinson
Reporter

Bringing students together for a common purpose was the driving force behind Saturday's annual Invisible Children Walkathon at Belk Track. The event, hosted by Elon's chapter of Invisible Children, worked to help children in northern Uganda who are living in displacement camps without the resources for a good education.

Katie Meyer, president of Elon's chapter, said the event is part of a campaign called Schools for Schools, which aims to get students in America to raise money to build schools in northern Uganda.

Elon raised money for Lacor Secondary School and 90 percent of the money raised hits the ground in Uganda, Meyer said. The Walkathon also created awareness about child soldiers, night commuting and displacement in Northern Uganda.

After a year of getting sponsors, publicizing the event and raising money, Meyer and a team of 20 volunteers pulled the Walkathon



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Elon's annual Invisible Children Walkathon was held Oct. 11 to spread awareness about night commuting children and raise money to build schools in northern Uganda.



Above: Participants were invited to send letters to Lacor Secondary School, which benefitted from the profits of the walk.

Left: Students also wrote to government officials to educate them on Invisible Children and urge for change.

together with the support of several Elon groups.

While RSA, SUB, Global Studies and the Truitt Center all sponsored the campaign, a majority of the money raised for Lacor Secondary School came from each Walkathon team, which is normally a group of friends or an organization. Each individual paid \$10 to participate in addition to providing addresses of potential donors.

Additional entrance fees for non-registered participants and profits from T-shirt and bake sales also helped to raise funds.

Teams were entertained by a live DJ, games, a series of raffles and performances by Twisted Measure and Sweet Signatures. They were also able to craft cards to students at Lacor Secondary School and take part in a letter-writing campaign to government representatives to help spread awareness about the issue.

Omer Omer, executive director of North Carolina African Services

Coalition and native of Sudan, spoke about the history of fighting in Africa and African immigrants in America. He also discussed the process of getting to America from a war-torn country in Africa and how his organization helps African immigrants transition into American society.

Omer urged students to ask the American government for more humane policies toward Africa, like direct intervention in war-torn areas, and to provide more help to African immigrants by tutoring them in English and helping them acclimate to the area.

The overall feeling of the event was not one of mourning, but one of hope and friendship.

Like most students at the Walkathon, Kristin Schulz, a junior and Periclean Scholars team member, said there was a simple drive behind participating.

"I was there to bond with my team and support the cause," she said.



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Students debate presidential politics

Dan Rickershauser
Reporter

'Tis the political season for students to debate presidential politics and discuss their party's plan on key issues.

Presidential candidates Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama made an appearance at Elon University Wednesday night — as cardboard cutouts. But while neither candidate was in attendance, their stances on the important issues were well represented at the student presidential debates.

Democrat and Republican panels of two Elon undergraduate students and two Elon law students represented each side. Representatives from each side were given the chance to discuss their candidate's stance on education, the environment, foreign policy and the economy. The issues were decided on by students at College Coffee on Sept. 16.

While both sides highlighted their differences on all the issues, the debate heated up when Daniel Shutt, president of College Democrats, and Nick Ochsner, president of College Republicans, took the stage to discuss their candidate's game plan for Iraq.

When asked about their party's benchmarks for success in the War on Terror, Shutt made a case for a withdrawal of troops from Iraq.

"Withdrawing from Iraq allows us to put our eye back on the ball, and that's going into Afghanistan to go after the terrorists that attacked us on Sept. 11," Shutt said. He added that the increased focus on Iraq has been the cause of the deteriorating progress made in Afghanistan.

Ochsner expressed his criticism of the Democrats plan.

"We can't make America safe when we're withdrawing in defeat from Iraq, when we're announcing our combat plans in Afghanistan and when we are acting without deference to what our



Lindsay Fendt | Assistant Photo Editor
College Democrats battled College Republicans in a debate addressing major issues as presented by respective presidential candidates.

military commanders tell us," he said.

Both sides agreed on the importance of diplomacy with foreign leaders, and disagreed on specifics as to how to best handle diplomatic relations. Ochsner cited McCain's experience as the key to diplomacy. "What we have in John McCain is a man who knows our world leaders," Ochsner said.

The parties also appeared strongly divided on what could become the number-one issue in the election: The economy. Both sides were quick to blame the opposing candidate for any involvement in the financial meltdown.

"We need to look at who Barack Obama has advis[ing] him, and that is the former leaders of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae," Daniel Jessup, a senior representing the Republicans, said. Jessup pointed to Obama's silence in the earlier calls for regulation of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, two government-sponsored enterprises being blamed for the subprime mortgage meltdown.

Jessup explained part of McCain's plan to solve the worsening economic crisis. "We need to go in and directly buy out the bad mortgages," Jessup said.

Amanda Duberman, a sophomore speaking for the Democrats, noted the deregulation of the financial systems as a cause to the crisis. "The past eight years have seen sweeping deregulation and that is why this is happening," Duberman said.

There were moments in the debate where both sides agreed. On Education, both sides addressed the need for making college tuition more affordable. While disagreeing on specifics, each side favored a comprehensive energy plan to reduce carbon emissions and the dependence on oil.

The debate was sponsored by the Elon chapter of the National Campaign for Political and Civic Engagement, SGA, the Office of Civic Engagement and professor George Taylor's political engagement class.

On the issues:

Republicans

Democrats

Education

"Sen. McCain wants to stop putting so much money into pork barrel spending and put that [money] into education."
— Barron Thompson, third year Elon Law Student

"The problem with No Child Left Behind was that it left the money behind. It was not properly funded by the Bush administration."
— Supriya Khazani, first year Elon Law student

Environment

"One solution is not going to solve the energy crisis. You have to look into many different sources."
— Summer Nettleman, third year Elon Law student

"The first thing Obama would like to do is start a carbon-cap-and-trade program."
— JC MacCallum, second year Elon Law student

Foreign policy

"We can't make America safe when we're withdrawing in defeat from Iraq ... and when we are acting without deference to what our military commanders tell us."
— Nick Ochsner, Elon sophomore

"Withdrawing from Iraq allows us to put our eye back on the ball, and that's going into Afghanistan to go after the terrorists that attacked us on September 11."
— Daniel Shutt, Elon senior

Economy

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— Amanda Duberman, Elon sophomore

Second presidential debate focuses on economy, reform

Andie Diemer
News Editor

Following the spiraling fall of the United States economy, the presidential debates on Oct. 7 at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. focused on the economic crisis at hand.

The second of three debates, which was conducted in a "town meeting" format, was moderated by Tom Brokaw of NBC News.

Republican candidate Sen. John McCain and Democratic candidate Sen. Barack Obama both spoke about their approach to healing the economy, who should be appointed as treasury secretary and how they would help those that have been impacted.

"I think everybody knows now we are in the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression," Obama said. "I believe this is a final verdict on the failed economic policies of the last eight years, strongly promoted by President Bush and supported by Senator McCain, that essentially said that we should strip away regulations, consumer protections, let the market run wild and prosperity would rain down on all of us."

He said it needs to be ensured that

the recently-passed rescue package will function correctly, more CEOs will be cracked down on, tax cuts will be given for the middle-class, homeowners will be assisted and that the health and energy systems will be fixed.

"It means help for homeowners so that they can stay in their homes," he said. "It means that we are helping state and local governments set up road projects and bridge projects that keep people in their jobs."

McCain said energy independence and not increasing taxes are the keys to success.

"We obviously have to stop this spending spree that's going on in Washington," McCain said. "We've got to have a package of reforms and it has got to lead to reform prosperity and peace in the world. And I think that this problem has become so severe, as you know, that we're going to have to do something about home values."

If elected president, McCain said he would require the secretary of the treasury to buy up bad home loan mortgages and renegotiate the new values to make sure they can stay in their homes.

He said creating jobs and fixing the economy would not happen until home

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values in America are stabilized.

"It's my proposal, it's not Senator Obama's proposal, it's not President Bush's proposal," McCain said. "But I know how to get America working again, restore our economy and take care of working Americans."

Health and energy policies, entitlement reform, Social Security, Medicare, America's stance in the world as a peacemaker and environmental issues were also touched upon.

"You need somebody working for you and you've got to have somebody in Washington who is thinking about the middle class and not just those who can afford to hire lobbyists," Obama said.

They also sounded off on the humanitarian intervention, Pakistani sovereignty, reorganizing Afghanistan's strategy, how they view and would apply pressure to Russia for humanitarian issues and their actions if Iran attacked Israel while they were in office.

"Americans are angry, they're upset and they're a little fearful," McCain said. "It's our job to fix the problem."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Elon's IGNITE program attracts young alums

Elon's new IGNITE program has garnered \$26,786 since its summer launch. The program enables graduates of the past decade to give back to the university in support of faculty, facilities, scholarships and signature programs.

Approximately 140 alumni have attended one of the eight IGNITE NITE dinners thus far. To learn more, visit www.elon.edu/web/giving/ignite.

Elon MBA gets 'Top 10' rankings in The Princeton Review publication

The Martha and Spencer Love School of Business MBA program was ranked twice in The Princeton Review's 2009 edition of the "Best 296 Business Schools."

The accredited school was ranked sixth in the nation for "best administered" program and seventh in the nation for "best classroom experience."

The Princeton Review's annual guide is based on data provided by schools and a survey of 19,000 business school students from across the nation.

Ahmed Fadaam to speak tonight

Fadaam became a journalist in 2003 after the U.S. invasion of Iraq caused the school he taught at to burn down. He will speak about his experiences at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Yeager Recital Hall.

Elon students to run half-marathon for fundraising event

Elon students Jacqui Seidel and Kim Abel are in the last stage of training and fundraising for the Rock 'n' Roll Half Marathon. Tonight, Sandy's Bar and Grill will host a fundraiser to help the students raise more money.

A portion of the money spent on the bar side of Sandy's will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation in support of breast cancer awareness. Personal donations will also be accepted.

American Red Cross and EV! host blood drives

American Red Cross and Elon Volunteers! will host a blood drive in McKinnon Hall on Oct. 28 from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Oct. 29 from 2:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Donors must be at least 17, 110 pounds and healthy. Donation typically takes about one hour.

Students can volunteer to recruit donors by contacting Lora Brink and Hannah Williams at blooddrive@elon.edu.

Corrections:

In the Oct. 8 article, "Media groups host viewing of vice presidential debate," the Pendulum did not report the National Campaign for Political and Civic Engagement sponsored the event. SPJ and RTNDA were asked to participate.

In the Oct. 8 article, "Ever Elon campaign launches this weekend," the Pendulum reported that part of the money raised during the Ever Elon campaign will go to building a convocation center. No money from the Ever Elon campaign will be used to build a convocation center. The article also said that the university will draw from the Endowment to build in the future. Buildings do not come from the endowment campaign but rather a capital campaign.

The Pendulum regrets any errors. Please submit corrections to oallen@elon.edu.

Adderall abuse creates health risk

Alyse Knorr
Design Editor

With mid-terms approaching and students feeling the stress and pressure of studying for tests, writing papers and completing projects, the climate is ripe for a dangerous trend developing among college students. This trend is Adderall abuse.

Adderall is a prescription medication used to treat attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). It is a type of amphetamine, meaning it acts as a stimulant or an "upper."

Stimulants like Adderall and Ritalin work by increasing the level of neurotransmitter chemicals in the brain. The increase in chemical levels simultaneously causes a rise in blood pressure and heart rate, and the increase in dopamine, a neurotransmitter chemical associated

with pleasurable sensations, creates feelings of euphoria that provide the user with the "high."

Because of its stimulant side effects, Adderall can be abused to get a high or to improve alertness and attention. Some students who do not have ADHD use Adderall as a study aid to help them prepare for tests or finish assignments because it gives them the increased energy they need to complete their work.

In a 2006 study, 25 percent of surveyed students said they have taken prescription drugs without a prescription. Of these, 82 percent have used Adderall.

Because Adderall is such a commonly-prescribed drug, it can be easy for people without ADHD to buy it on the Internet.

According to a July 2008 study by Columbia University's National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, 85

percent of Web sites selling drugs such as Ritalin and Adderall do not require a prescription for these drugs.

Like any stimulant, Adderall can become habit-forming because of the "high" it provides the user. The risk of addiction increases if the drug is used in higher doses than doctors prescribe or if it is used for extended amounts of time.

The side effects of taking too great a dose of a stimulant include: irregular heartbeat, seizures, cardiovascular failure and high body temperatures. Taking these high doses repeatedly in a short time period can make the user feel paranoid or hostile.

In 2005, Canada's national department of health suspended the marketing of Adderall for six months because of its association with amphetamine abuse and sudden unexplained deaths in patients using the drug.

Fast facts about Adderall:

- Adderall's effects kick in 15 minutes after ingestion, and last for two to six hours.
- Most people abuse Adderall by taking it orally. Some Adderall abusers inject, smoke or snort the drug as well.
- Tunisian Olympic swimmer Ous Mellouli tested positive for a stimulant at the U.S. Open in November 2006 and admitted to using Adderall to stay awake studying at the University of Southern California. He was suspended from swimming for 18 months and stripped of his 2007 World Aquatics Championship.
- Albert Gore III, son of former Vice President Al Gore, was arrested for illegally possessing Adderall in July 2007.

Lambert chosen to serve on N.C. higher education commission



Leo Lambert

President Leo Lambert has been appointed to serve on the North Carolina Higher Education Civic Education Study Commission.

He was appointed to the commission by N.C. Sen. Marc Basnight, president pro tempore of the North Carolina Senate. Lambert's term is effective immediately.

The commission works to advise the state "on the role of higher education in helping to strengthen and enhance the ability of colleges and universities to participate in civic engagement activities with K-12 educational institutions, faith-based programs, or other service programs affecting the social development and literacy of school-aged children."

The Dow bounces back after historic loss

Investors have renewed confidence after global response to economic crisis

Whitney Bossie
News Editor

After the worst week for stocks in history, the Dow Jones industrial average jumped more than 900 points on Monday.

Investors showed renewed confidence as governments around the world are taking steps to implement a globally coordinated response to the economic downturn. The move toward an organized response to reassure investors is unprecedented.

Among the recent global initiatives: - Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson recently announced that the U.S. government plans to buy U.S. bank stocks in order to inject capital into banks in exchange for partial ownership.

- Leaders from 15 European nations met in Paris and agreed to add capital to banks through investments and secure inter-bank lending. The Bank of England, the European Central Bank and the Swiss National Bank will work together to provide short-term funding

in an attempt to thaw the freeze on lending.

- The Bank of England said it's ready to use up to \$63 billion to aid Britain's three largest banks.

- The heads of the Group of Seven nations met in Washington to discuss solutions to the crisis.

- Australia, New Zealand, the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia have taken steps to guarantee bank deposits.

Last week, the Dow fell 1874 points in the greatest one-week loss in history. An eight-session selloff knocked 2,400 points off the blue-chip indicator, representing a 22 percent decline in the Dow. The Dow Jones Wilshire 5000, which is the widest-ranging market measure, showed that this resulted in a \$2.4 trillion loss in Wall Street market value.

On Monday, the Dow Jones industrial average surged 936.42 points to 9,387.61. It was the Dow's largest-ever point gain.

The Nasdaq composite index and Standard & Poor's 500 indexes rose more than 11 percent. The rebound

came after strong showings in Asian and European markets.

Previous efforts to restore investors' confidence were largely unsuccessful, but the latest developments seem to be providing some relief.

In a speech on Friday, President Bush said the government is acting, and will continue to act, until the crisis is under control.

Treasury and Federal Reserve officials met with executives from the financial sector on Monday to finalize plans to further address the economic crisis.

The government, using the authority granted to it by Congress' approval of the \$700 billion bailout plan, plans to take several steps to revive the economy.

According to CNNMoney.com, the Treasury Department will purchase troubled securities, buy mortgages from regional banks, insure mortgages and mortgage-backed securities, purchase equity from financial institutions and help troubled borrowers keep their homes.

N.C.-based bank bought out by Wells Fargo

Rebecca Wetherbee
Reporter

Citigroup Inc. withdrew from negotiations with Wells Fargo & Co. over the acquisition of Charlotte-based Wachovia Corp., which has been struggling as a result of the country's economic crisis. The New York City-based Citigroup announced its plan to purchase Wachovia on Sept. 29 for \$2 billion, or the equivalent of \$1 per share.

Citigroup would have absorbed nearly \$42 billion in losses as a result of the merger, but the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation would have been responsible for picking up the slack, absorbing a remaining \$270 billion on Citigroup's behalf.

Days after Citigroup announced its plan for acquisition, Wells Fargo presented a better deal, offering to buy Wachovia for \$15 billion, or \$7 per share, leaving no additional costs to the FDIC.

The deal was confirmed Oct. 9, though Wachovia's price tag was lowered to \$11.7 billion.

Representatives for Citigroup say Wachovia defied an exclusivity agreement with Citigroup by discussing merger possibilities with another bank. Currently, Citigroup plans to take Wells Fargo/Wachovia to the New York Supreme Court and seek \$60 billion dollars in damages for Wachovia's withdrawal from the deal.

This is not the first time the banks have been to court — Citigroup took the banks to the New York Supreme Court on Oct. 4 in hopes of stopping further negotiations. As a result, the Federal Reserve urged the two



Emily Wappes makes a transaction at the Wachovia ATM. Wappes said she has been a satisfied Wachovia customer for five years.

banks to settle matters privately and barred Wells Fargo and Wachovia from making any decisions until Oct. 6.

Wells Fargo CEO John Stumpf made a statement late Thursday assuring Wachovia employees that large-scale layoffs are not a part of the

acquisition plan.

"We know this has been a time of great uncertainty for Wachovia team members and many of its customers as [its] company has gone through a very painful and challenging time," he said in a statement to the Atlanta

Business Chronicle. "We want to assure them we'll do everything we can to make the integration of our operations as smooth as possible. An important measure of success for this integration will be our ability to retain as many of the talented Wachovia team members as possible."

His statement comes as a relief after the past several months when many Wachovia employees were laid off as a result of Wachovia's crumbling financial standing.

Some analysts said Wachovia's acquisition of Golden West Financial Corp., a California-based franchise which provided adjustable-rate mortgages, played a large part in weakening Wachovia's mortgage portfolio.

But for employees who have already lost their jobs, Stumpf's response came too late.

"My sister lives in Charlotte and she's having a fit because a lot of her friends have lost their jobs," junior Meredith Larkin said.

Larkin is just one of many North Carolinians feeling the sting.

As of yet, it is unclear what other effects may result from the merger, but Wells Fargo is doing its best to keep Wachovia's infrastructure intact.

Because the two banks are headquartered on opposite coasts, there is little geographic overlap between their branches, meaning most of the remaining job losses will occur at a corporate level rather than a local one.

The Wells-Wachovia franchise will become the nation's third-largest firm, rivaling Bank of America and JP Morgan Chase & Co.

ANNA REYNAL | Photographer

Shackin' up ... without a walk of shame



ANDREW DODD | Photographer

Habitat for Humanity's annual "Shack-a-thon" was held Thursday, Oct. 9 outside Moseley Center. The fundraiser cost \$150 per team of 10 to 15 people. All the money raised goes toward the house built by Habitat for Humanity this year. Even though it rained throughout the entire competition, 10 teams showed up to raise money and awareness. The winning shack, constructed by Sigma Sigma Sigma, resembled a purple trailer, complete with a dog house and mailbox.

GoTriadU connects students from local campuses

Elizabeth Roberts
Reporter

With the strong popularity of social networking and entertainment Web sites such as Facebook and YouTube, it may seem like there isn't room for another site that college students will visit on a regular basis. The creators of GoTriadU.com hope the opposite is true.

GoTriadU is the brainchild of the Greensboro News & Record, and was created by New Ventures Director Kathy Lambeth. The purpose of the site is to connect college students from the Triad area to each other and their communities. This includes eight college campuses located in Alamance and Guilford counties.

Lambeth said the close proximity of so many campuses offers a prime opportunity for students to explore other schools.

"We did some focus groups earlier this year, and found that many students are interested in learning about what's going on at the college down the road," Lambeth said. "They know about their own events but would like to know about others they might want to attend."

GoTriadU provides listings of a variety of social activities and cultural events in its "Get Out" section. The events are categorized into 12 separate sections, including dance, sport and recreation, film, festivals and free admission, which may be the best option for the quintessential starving college student. The site has a plethora of links to almost any and every activity that could be of interest to students.

Blogs are posted by Triad-area college students about a range of topics, including campus events, current issues, nightlife and restaurant reviews and political commentary.

Elon senior Dara Duncan is currently working as a marketing intern at GoTriadU.

"The ability to reply to a blog creates discussion and a way for everyone to have a voice," she said. "The blogs and the site in general give great information on what's going on in the area."

GoTriadU is largely a for-students, by-students publication. There are 16 interns at the Web site, three of which are Elon University students.

Students can also pursue opportunities to blog or design for the site. My Nguyen, an Elon sophomore and Web designer/blogger for GoTriadU, suggested that students get involved with the site.

"Anyone who wants to blog should," Nguyen said. "Blogs are cool because you're doing informal writing. This is a bigger arena to write what you want and let people see what you're thinking."

Blog topics are infinite, limited only to each student's specific ideas and interests.

The GoTriadU site should be fully completed by January or February 2009. By that time, there will be more bloggers and designers, meaning a more extensive selection of material to read and view.

Multimedia, photography, audio and video facets will be added, and advertising for the site will expand.

Janna Anderson, a professor in the School of Communications, said she thinks that GoTriadU will help to bridge the gap between campuses and allow students to belong to an entire community of universities, instead of only one.

"I hope it thrives," Anderson said. "But it really depends on the students. The students will have to have a continuing interest in it, but something like this has the potential for lasting value."

Biodiesel fuel pump opens in Burlington

Sophie Duensing
Reporter

While the economic crisis currently has center stage, the need for sustainable energy solutions remains a pressing issue.

Miles away from Wall Street, in Burlington, some of the most cutting-edge advances in biofuel technology are being made.

Piedmont Biofuels opened its newest facility, called the Bio-Refinery, on Oct. 6 in Burlington. The Bio-Refinery is the first of its kind in North Carolina. The plant will use large-scale methane recovery, turning waste into useful co-products.

Piedmont Biofuels, located outside of Pittsboro, makes, markets and sells biofuel. For those new to eco-savvy lingo, biofuel is a non-petroleum based diesel fuel that is produced from vegetable oil and is clean-burning.

"You can make biofuel from basically anything you can fry food with," said Spencer Johnson, an Elon senior interning with Piedmont Biofuels.

The production facility, known as "The Coop," produces several hundred gallons of biofuel a week.

"The biofuel we produce is B99.9; meaning 99.9 percent of the fuel is biodiesel," Johnson said.

The Burlington location is the eighth in the Triangle to dispense B99.9 fuel. The Triangle area has more B99.9 availability than anywhere else on the continent.

Several prominent North Carolinians attended the opening of Burlington's Bio-Refinery, including U.S. Congressman Bob Etheridge, N.C. Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler, N.C. Sen. Bob Atwater, N.C. Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, N.C. Rep. Joe Hackney and Pittsboro Mayor Randy Voller.

The new location is 2053 Willow Springs Drive.

Piedmont Biofuels was created in

2002 as a three-person co-op. Six years later, the coalition boasts more than 600 members.

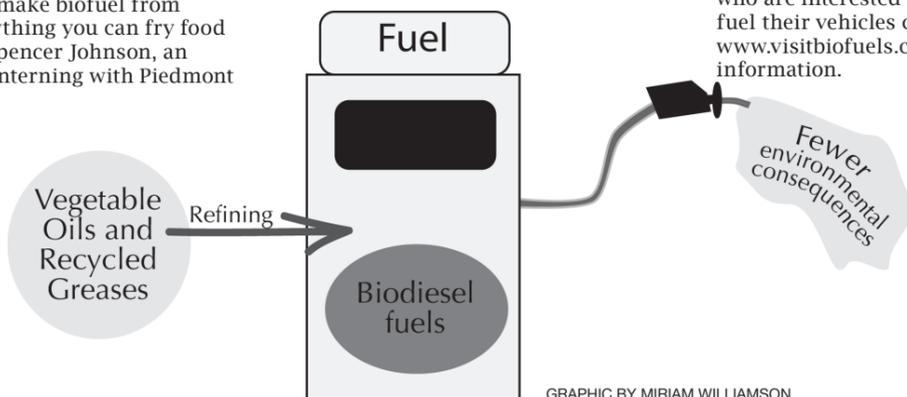
Many Elon students are familiar with biodiesel because of the BioBuses that are often seen around campus.

Elon's BioBuses do not currently run on Piedmont Biofuels' products, but Johnson said he hopes the growing company will soon produce enough biofuel to supply the university.

"I'm going to start talking to Elon about collecting the dining halls' waste oils for us to use to make biofuel," Johnson said.

All diesel fuel vehicles can run on biodiesel without any conversions to the engine. Those vehicles get the same power and fuel economy as they would running on petroleum. The price of biodiesel changes along with the cost of raw materials and the demand for the product.

Students and community members who are interested in using biodiesel to fuel their vehicles can visit www.visitbiofuels.com for more information.



GRAPHIC BY MIRIAM WILLIAMSON

Prohibiting Obama supporters from parking 'perfectly legal'

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people seemed to think the sign had racial undertones. Both men agreed that nothing could be further from the truth and that the sign was purely political.

"The most absurd thing about it all is that people think it's about race," Henderson said. "I don't disagree with him because

"I've known him [Henderson] for a long time," Williams said. "I was surprised to find out it was his sign."

Although many disagreed with Henderson's action, it was completely legal. Jessica Gisclair, a Media Law and Ethics professor and former attorney, said Henderson has the right to let people park or not park for any reason.

"He has the right to do whatever

he wants with his private property," Gisclair said. "It's perfectly legal. Some might consider it unethical, but that's another issue."

She explained that the prior agreement with the state office was not a binding contract. Henderson did establish a precedent by allowing all of the employees to park in the lot in the months between the time he purchased it and the time he posted the sign, but that precedent is subject to change.

"As a private property owner, he doesn't have to honor any previous agreement if he doesn't want to," Gisclair said. "His method may be inappropriate, but his actions were perfectly legal."

Henderson chose to make full use of his rights as a private property owner.

"It is my piece of property and I can influence its use," he said.

When the response became too overwhelming, Henderson decided to remove the sign. He echoed Williams' concerns about casting a negative light on Gibsonville. He said he'd heard rumors of protests around the lot.

"In retrospect, I never had any idea that the response would be so vehement," Henderson said. "It was intended to be humorous in the way that it was done. The only serious aspect was my intentions to cut down on the amount of people parking in the lot."

Elon goes gluten-free to accommodate students

Kristin Feeney
Reporter

From Acorn to Octagon to the Colonnades and McEwen, something new is on the menu. This fall ARAMARK launched a campus-wide initiative for gluten-free products.

"I didn't understand why we suddenly had a surge in gluten-free products," sophomore Samantha Schwartz said. "What makes this year special from the last?"

The initiative comes after the number of students with celiac disease, a condition that prevents an individual from digesting gluten, quintupled.

"Last year we had three students we worked with," Laura Thompson, director of Food Services, said. "This year we have more than 15 students. That's five times more. It was evident we needed to consider a more sizeable initiative."

With the help of the students and their families, Thompson targeted the limitations of the dining halls and began to implement changes to assist the students' allergy.

"It's been a real learning process," Thompson said. "Not many people even know what gluten is, let alone how to go about avoiding it."

Thompson admits educating the hundreds of ARAMARK workers has been the toughest part.

"It's been a challenge to teach them things like why gluten-free French toast sticks need to be baked and why they cannot be put in the deep fryer with the other gluten-products,"

Thompson said.

Thompson is confident that over the course of time everyone, including herself, will become more comfortable with the knowledge of how to best assist the celiac students.

"The students have been really helpful," Thompson said. "We get e-mails all the time saying what we're doing right and what we can improve upon. Feedback is key."

One student who has helped with the process is sophomore Amanda Ketner. Over the summer, Ketner was diagnosed with gluten sensitivity and told to adopt a gluten-free diet.

"I was worried about what I'd eat on campus," Ketner said. "I had a kitchen at home, but didn't have that resource here [at Elon]."

After e-mailing Elon Dining Services, Ketner was introduced to Laura Thompson. Together, Thompson and Ketner have addressed what foods Ketner would like to see on campus.

"I want students to know that we will do everything we can to help you," Thompson said. "If you're our student, we want food to be the last thing you have to worry about. If you talk to us, we can work with you and will buy products specifically for your allergen needs."

She also believes communication is the key to success.

"The students and families have been our best resource," Thompson said. "They've been living with this far longer than we have and know just what they want and need. We encourage all students to talk to us, we're willing to learn."



OLIVIA DUBENDORF | Photographer

Elon's dining halls now offer gluten-free foods because of an increase in the number of students with celiac disease. Elon wanted to make on-campus dining suitable for everyone.

WHAT IS CELIAC DISEASE?

Elon's recent decision to include gluten-free foods at dining locations is not simply to provide another food option for low-carbohydrate dieters. The foods will benefit those with celiac disease, a digestive disease that affects more than 2 million people in the United States, according to the National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse.

Gluten, a type of protein found in most cereals and breads, is a staple in most people's everyday diets but can be fatal to those with the disease.

Effects of the disease are two-fold: It causes malabsorption as well as an adverse immune system reaction to gluten.

When gluten enters the system of someone with celiac, it damages villi in the small intestine, which help facilitate the transfer of nutrients from food into the bloodstream.

Unhealthy villi result in malnourishment, regardless of food intake.

ARAMARK cuts down on unnecessary costs

Students are asked not to take food out of all-you-can-eat dining halls

Lindsay Eney
Copy Editor

Most Elon students are used to change. But when it happens without warning, and seemingly without warrant, students can get a little testy. This was the case when several changes were implemented in ARAMARK's operations earlier this semester.

At Colonnades, students are no longer permitted to take food with them when they leave. In the past, students could take fruit or a dessert home after a meal. Now, a sign that reads "No food beyond this point" hangs by the door.

When students call Varsity to place an order for pickup, they must now recite their 16-digit Phoenix card number to complete the order.

Earlier this semester,



OLIVIA DUBENDORF | Photographer

senior Kyle Pelligra came face-to-face with one of ARAMARK's new policies. After finishing a meal at Colonnades, Pelligra was putting three cartons of milk into his girlfriend's backpack when an ARAMARK employee approached him.

"She yelled at me for taking the milk," he said. "I told her that I pay a lot of money to go here and that it doesn't say anywhere that I can't take it out."

The employee explained that it costs ARAMARK a lot of money when students take food out of dining halls.

"My thought to that is that it just promotes having the milk taken because it's already in a packaged form," Pelligra said. Jeff Gazda, resident district manager for ARAMARK, said that while there has always been a policy meant to prevent students from taking food out of dining halls, it has recently been more stringently enforced because students were abusing the privilege.

"In some years, it might be okay," he said. "But as you all are well aware, the economic situation is pretty dire."

Gazda said that because of the current economic climate, food prices are exceeding any increases in funding for the company.

"We probably have more dining venues per capita than any other school," Gazda said. "We need to say no to some things in order to preserve the quality of the experience."

But Pelligra thinks he was just in the wrong place at the wrong time.

"So many other people take milk and food out all the time. I just happened to get caught," he said. "But they all watch me now when I go in there."

The new procedure for placing pickup orders at Varsity resulted from students ordering food and then neglecting to pick it up. This led to wasted food and monetary loss.

"Once we fix it [pickup orders], for safety reasons and health reasons, we can't serve it again and we don't want to throw it away," Gazda said.

But that's exactly what had to be done.

Employees now request the Phoenix card numbers of all students who call to place an order, in hopes of reducing waste. The sale is rung up as the order is placed, meaning that students are charged for their orders prior to picking them up.

"The theory is that if you pay for something, you're going to pick it up," Gazda said.

He added that these policies are just another step in reducing Elon's carbon footprint.

"It's not that easy, but it's the right thing to do," he said.

One-credit courses to be offered following fall break

One-hour transition courses will be offered for the second half of fall semester. They are geared toward helping students learn more about who they are, helping them explore how they see themselves in the world and trying to polish skills to implement students' individual goals.

Each class is one credit. To enroll, students can pick up a drop/add form from the registrar's office in Alamance 104. It must be completed before the date each specific class starts.

Courses include:

COE 310 Transition Courses: Helps prepare students for internships and jobs through developing resumes and identifying strategies.

COE 375 Transition Courses: Targeted toward students with specific interests and assists with resume preparation and knowledge of the Career Center.
COE 375 C: Transition Strategies — Diversity Matters: Provides career transition strategies for students who are female, an ethnic minority, GLBT individuals or those who have

a disability. The course will provide them with additional tools to succeed in the workplace as well as a digital career portfolio.

COE 375 D: Transition Strategies — for Liberal Arts Majors:

Designed for humanities majors, but all participants are welcomed to learn how to land a job with a B.A. degree as well as hone talents and skills, explore their place in the world and prepare job materials.

COE 375 E: Transition Strategies — Habits of Highly Effective People: Covers current

challenges in college and business environments to help students learn about themselves and use their leadership styles to match what motivates them. Setting goals, finding balance, understanding other's needs and effective communication will be addressed.

COE 375 G: Transition Strategies — Eco-Citizenship: Explores how to be an informed, caring citizen today. Issues like global warming and sustainability will be examined with the lens of how students play a role as consumers.

Ever Elon campaign kicks off with weekend festivities

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ANNA REYNAL | Photographer

The Fire of the Carolinas, Elon's marching band, leads board members and special guests to Saturday's picnic luncheon on the Moseley Green. After arriving at the luncheon, the band played the fight song and other tunes. The luncheon allowed guests to mingle with Elon students.

university to contribute, from the marching band that paraded visitors through campus to the performing arts students who entertained everyone at the evening gala.

The university also launched the Ever Elon campaign Web site which features community testimonials, updates on the total amount raised and videos about the plans for the \$100 million.

After the completion of the weekend, Chuck Davis, director of the Ever Elon campaign said that the university had received a few new, smaller gifts.

The funds from the Ever Elon campaign will be used to grow the endowment, add to annual giving and help to preserve and further develop the buildings on campus. The last campaign Elon completed was the Elon Vision campaign in 2001, which raised \$47.6 million.

Twenty-seven percent of the money raised so far has come from members of the board of trustees. The campaign still looks to get an eight-figure donation that organizers call a "transformative gift."



LINDSAY FENDT | Assistant Photo Editor

Trustee Mark Mahaffey speaks at an Oct. 11 news conference announcing the launch of the Ever Elon endowment campaign.



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Performing arts students and faculty provided entertainment for the Ever Elon dinner on Oct. 11. The program included a campaign theme song composed by faculty members and recorded by students, and a premiere of a third verse to the original lyrics of the Elon University Alma Mater.

Increases in scholarships attempt to attract best students

Bethany Swanson
Managing Editor

Since last year, freshmen scholarship recipients at Elon have seen a marked increase in the amount of money deducted from their tuition bills than those classes before them.

Scholarship recipients are receiving more money now than ever before. This year's freshmen Fellows and presidential scholars, or about 30 percent of the entering freshman class, received more money than recipients ever before.

The growth of student scholarship money is directly related to an initiative set about by President Leo Lambert to encourage the increase of student and faculty scholarships.

Tom Henricks, distinguished university professor of sociology and co-chair for the Presidential Task Force on Scholarship, said the university is trying to bolster its standing as a research university. Lambert asked Henricks and co-chair Tim Peeples, associate dean of Elon College, the College of Arts and Sciences, to bring the university to a top national standing.

"Our scholarship task force is an attempt to help Elon change in a certain way, to provide more scholarship opportunities to both faculty and students," Henricks said. "The heart of it is for Elon to become a learning-centered institution where people do more independent projects and learn how to learn. There also has to be faculty opportunity and student opportunities."

The money, he said, is essential to making sure the best students have an incentive to come to this university.

"The money is extremely

important," he said. "Just as recruiting the best faculty we can for our students, we need to recruit the best students we can, too, and we need to support them while they're here."

Leaders of other programs agree that scholarship money is the best incentive for them to choose Elon over other, perhaps better-ranked institutions.

"It's increasingly difficult to attract the kinds of students if we can't offer some merit based money," said Nancy Harris, associate dean of Elon College, College of Arts and Sciences and the director of Elon College Fellows. "When you ask students, where else did you apply and where else did you get in, the names kind of blow you away. We have to be offering the scholarship money to attract those students. We have to."

The usual money for Presidential Scholarships was divided into two tiers, and increased from \$3,000 to \$3,500 and then also from \$4,000 to \$4,500.

For the 2007-2008 academic year, or last year, \$4.45 million was budgeted for the total amount to be spent on presidential scholarship money. For this year, 2008-2009, the university budgeted \$4.75 million. The university overspent this budget and awarded \$4.96 million to students in all four years, according to Susan Klopman, vice president of admissions and financial planning.

Merit-based scholarships, such as those awarded through Presidential Scholarships and the Fellows programs, are funded through the operating budget of the university. As explained by Dean of Admissions Greg Zaiser, this is money that comes out of the pot filled by tuition.

Another factor is the growing endowment.

"We are having an increase in the number of new scholarship endowments that our donors are giving to us. That is changing almost by the day," said Klopman. "So the primary growth in scholarship monies is coming from the endowment. There is a financial aid budget that is based on the endowment as well as institutional contributions that we get from the tuition revenue."

A number of need-based scholarships have been added to Elon's program. The Susan Scholarship, named for Furman Moseley's wife, is awarded to female students in sums between \$7,500 and \$12,000. The MacMahon Family Scholarship awards \$10,000 to students from Alamance County and select counties from New Jersey. And the Margaret Ann Hall Scholarship is awarded to one female student from Virginia and covers full tuition to the university.

In addition to these new scholarship programs, the Fellows programs have also seen an increase in the amount of money each program is able to award to participating students.

The North Carolina Teaching Fellows program has increased its matching of a \$6,500 state grant by about \$1,000. North Carolina Teaching Fellows now receive a total package of about \$14,000. Janice Richardson, director of the program, projects that that money will increase by another \$950 by next year, bringing the students' total package to \$14,950.

Honors Fellows, which is the most substantial Fellows scholarship program in terms of money, is also seeing a steady increase in scholarship money.

This year's program participants received \$8,000 each. This is the

first year it has increased from the original \$6,000 award. That number is expected to increase to \$10,000 for the participants chosen from next year's incoming freshman class, according to Dr. Maureen Vandermaas-Peeler, the program director.

Since beginning five years ago, the Elon College Fellows program has been able to increase the amount of scholarship money it awards.

When it began, half of the 60 program participants received scholarship money. Now, 50 Fellows are chosen and all are awarded \$3,500 each year in addition to a study abroad grant that was raised from \$750 to \$1,000 this year, according to Harris.

The size of the program has been reduced in order to provide more scholarship money.

Journalism and Communications Fellows have also seen scholarship money increase from one class to the next.

This year's freshmen class received two more individual scholarships and \$250 more in study abroad grants than the class four years before them, bringing that grant to \$1,000, matching the rest of the programs. Some of the funding for this program comes from a scholarship given by the Hearst Foundation, but the rest of the money is institutionally mandated.

"The university makes the decisions, but we really have no input or say in that," said Kenn Gaither, assistant professor of communications and director of the Journalism and Communications Fellows program. "We're given a budget amount, but as the director, I do not have the authority to be a part of that discussion. I've just sort of been working with what I had."

SGA announces annual homecoming theme and list of events

SGA will be hosting its annual homecoming weekend Nov. 7-9. This year's theme is Phoenix Phiesta, which will act as a guide for many of the events planned for the weekend.

The week will include receptions, tours, a spirit rally, golf tournament, special College Coffee, a NPHC step show, Greek house parties and chapter meetings, worship

services, a concert and the production of "Sweeny Todd," Elon's fall musical.

There will be general as well as specific reunion tailgates prior to Elon football facing off against Western Carolina.

For more information, visit: www.elon.edu/e-web/alumni-parent/hc08fri.xhtml.



Kazickas shares perspective as female journalist covering Vietnam War

Margeaux Corby
Opinions Editor

Jurate Kazickas felt shrapnel tear through her legs and face during the Battle of Khe Sanh and dug her own foxhole in the Vietnamese jungle. But in Whitley Auditorium Thursday afternoon, she told the audience of Elon students and faculty that it doesn't matter if a war reporter is male or female — bombs don't discriminate.

Kazickas talked about her nearly two-year experience in Vietnam as a freelance reporter, where she wore the same fatigues as the U.S. military and battled gender stereotypes while troops waged war against the Viet Cong.

She had quit her former job at Look magazine when supervisors refused to send her to the war-torn jungle as a correspondent.

"It was the biggest story, it was the only story, it was on all the front pages," she said. "It was my generation and it touched everybody."

Kazickas talked about the laxity of press regulations as well as the lack of restrictions overall in Vietnam. She said once someone got a press pass in Vietnam, they were free to roam the country.

This freedom led to the war's end, since reporters saw the inaccuracies and falsities American officials reported to the worried nation, she said.

Kazickas wrote several stories about the broken-hearted soldiers who received "Dear John" letters and "hometown" articles that profiled individuals and their remarkable experiences.

"The entire country was available to write about," Kazickas said.

As a woman during war time, Kazickas



LINDSAY FENDT | Assistant Photo Editor

Jurate Kazickas flew to Vietnam after winning money from the game show "Password." It was there that she started freelance reporting from abroad.

found herself dealing with century-old gender stereotypes.

Platoons wouldn't let her march with them,

claiming she couldn't keep up and she had to contend with generals who saw her sex instead of her skill. She had to fight hard to be seen as a female journalist and not just a female.

She repeated the statement she told so many uncooperative military men: "I have my press pass and you can't say no."

Kazickas emphasized the importance of journalists in a world where war seemed a constant reality.

"We have to go to forgotten places, write about forgotten people and forgotten issues," she said. "We need to broaden the human consciousness."

She discussed trailblazers that pioneered the field of female war correspondents.

She claimed women covering war had to fight on two fronts — their editors and U.S. military policy that prevented women from going into combat zones.

Editors and policy-makers alike claimed it was too dangerous, that women would be a distraction to the soldiers and they would not have appropriate latrine facilities in a war zone.

"They [female journalists] were ambitious, curious and adventurous," she said after listing those obstacles placed in female reporters' way. "And nothing was going to stop them."

Kazickas' experiences in Vietnam, watching young men die, hearing the false reports broadcasted from Saigon, were scarring.

"It just sears your soul forever," Kazickas said. "The in and out of death just killed me."

She said the most important question to ask yourself when becoming a war reporter is if the story is worth your life.

"A dead journalist," she said solemnly, "can't write any more stories."



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NAFTA: A possible catalyst for increased migration rates?

Shelley Russell
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With promises of higher employment rates, more affordable and better quality goods and increased economic growth, the North American Free Trade Agreement between the United States, Canada and Mexico would seem a beneficial alliance. But Marco Antonio Velasquez Navarrete, a Mexican sociologist, believes otherwise.

Accompanied by translator Todd Miller, and on behalf of the Witness for Peace organization, Navarrete visited Elon on Monday. He carefully outlined the reasons for which he would advocate for elimination of NAFTA. Navarrete's discussion targeted effects of the treaty's globalization movements on the economy and the well-being of Mexico.

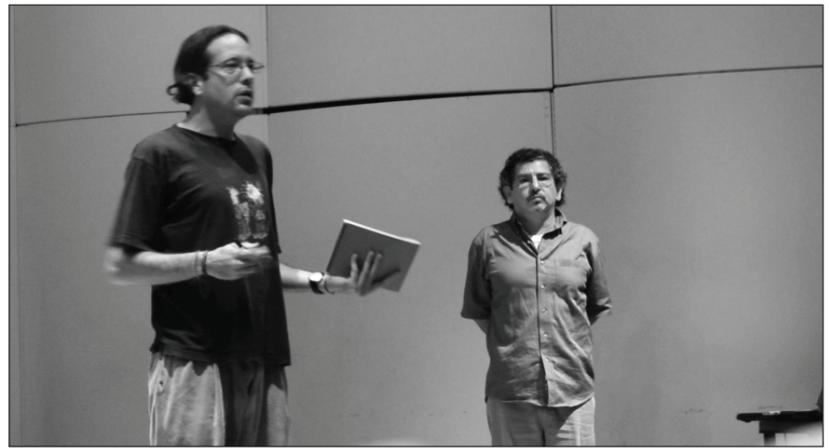
"The promises of NAFTA have not been fulfilled," Navarrete said. "The treaty's neo-liberalism policies have ripped apart the social fabric of these countries, including Mexico."

Navarrete cited a high migration rate of Mexicans into the United States — about 575,000 each year, with Mexico's economy at its lowest growth rate since 1910. In 2006, Mexico had 14.8 percent fewer jobs than in 1993 when NAFTA was implemented.

"The Mexican economy is more vulnerable now than ever," Navarrete said. "If the U.S. stopped buying merchandise from Mexico, our economy would be in trouble. If the U.S. sneezes, Mexico catches pneumonia. If Mexico has pneumonia, it leaves them with complete uncertainty."

But economic turmoil is just one piece of the puzzle. Navarrete pinpointed reasons for job loss, centering on the modern technology of multi-national organizations that place people out of useful jobs, and into what he calls "precarious occupations," such as jobs in assembly lines.

Multi-national companies are buying fewer materials from Mexico, leading to the bankruptcy of thousands of small and medium-sized businesses. According to Navarrete, these



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

Navarrete, right, visited Elon Monday on behalf of the Witness for Peace organization. He outlined the reasons he believes NAFTA should be eliminated. He said the agreement has not lived up to its promises. Navarrete is pictured with his translator, Todd Miller.

businesses are those that normally have numerous employees.

And this trend of bankruptcy and competition with larger, more powerful companies trickles directly into the empty pockets of local Mexican farmers. NAFTA modifications have forced the Mexican government to take its hands out of the production sector, removing all subsidies for farmers.

"It's a completely unfair, unjust competition," Navarrete said. "Unsupported Mexican farmers are competing against multi-million dollar organizations and subsidized U.S."

Mexico, once a primary producer of corn, now imports the crop from the United States after many farmers have been forced to abandon their land to look for opportunities elsewhere, including the United States.

"NAFTA has not been a benefit to workers, small business owners or farmers," Navarrete said. "Who is left to benefit?"

Even the United States superpower has not reaped adequate benefits from NAFTA. "Maybe the treaty has

benefited the U.S. as a country," Navarrete said. "But workers in the U.S. have been hurt. Look at the automotive industry. Factories are moving to Mexico because they can pay 13 times less the salary of a U.S. worker to Mexican workers."

While Navarrete recognized NAFTA's focus on globalization and the rights of major companies, he said that he resented NAFTA's omission of rights for the people.

"NAFTA doesn't have a chapter on migration, labor rights or environmental protection," Navarrete said. "To be able to bring these issues to the table would regulate activities of big countries, and that is not in NAFTA's interest."

Navarrete will continue his three-week tour with Witness for Peace, in order to raise awareness about the implications of NAFTA on Mexico, the United States and Canada.

"I would like to do away with NAFTA and begin to re-establish relationships between the three countries," Navarrete said.

Inside NAFTA: A closer look

Promises	VS.	Reality
1. Mexico will be part of the first world		1. 14.8 percent fewer jobs than in 1993
2. More employment		2. GNP per capita down to 1.58 percent
3. Lower prices and higher quality of goods		3. 575,000 Mexican migrants traveling to U.S. each year
4. Higher economic growth rate		4. Mexican government dependent on U.S. economic support

Wi-Fi offers academic enrichment to students who use it responsibly

Meg D'Albora and Sarah Diedrick
Reporters

As sophomore Lauryn Thomas sits outside her dorm working on her laptop, a blank Word document hides behind a YouTube video that highlights Michael Phelps' final relay race in the 2008 Olympics.

Like many Elon students, Thomas can easily be distracted by the privileges of wireless Internet.

"I usually bring my laptop to class because it's easier to take notes, but it's always tempting to open Internet Explorer and log on to Facebook," Thomas said. "Many students at Elon bring their computers to class. Some use it for note taking while others use it as a distraction from lecture."

Communications professor Glenn Scott teaches media forms and said he appreciates advancements in technology and the benefits Wi-Fi can bring.

"How can I teach it if I don't know it?" he said.

It is the students' responsibility to use wireless Internet to their advantage when in the classroom, Scott said.

Scott said Wi-Fi enriches what students can do educationally and is acceptable in the classroom when students use it to go along with the thoughts of the class.

But don't underestimate the professor's ability to spot those who use Wi-Fi as a distraction.

"[Students] think that professors can't tell, but it's flat-out obvious,"

Scott said.

Students can choose to pay attention in class, and if they do use their laptops as a way to help them, it can be extremely efficient, Scott said.

Since Thomas has started bringing her laptop to class, she has noticed improvements in her note taking and her understanding of the lecture.

Junior Jenna Zan likes to connect what her professor is saying to a visual image in her art history class.

Zan regularly pulls up an image of the art. This has in turn led her to a better understanding of what the professor is talking about.

With advancements in technology, students can bring their computers anywhere on campus and even some locations nearby.

Scott notices he is spoiled having wireless Internet.

"It is even hard to go to Panera without it," he said.

Chris Fulkerson, assistant vice president for technology, said logging into Cisco Systems is the biggest complaint he receives of wireless Internet, but that it functions as a defense system against hackers.

"Without it people could hack our systems and potentially change grades and even my salary," Fulkerson said.

Elon offers a secure network that allows the population to use the Internet anywhere on campus.

It is then the choice of the students to decide whether they want to use it to enhance their education or let it distract them.

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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.

Adderall abusers are cheaters and criminals

Midterms are here and many Elon students have found a magical cure for the exhaustion and delirium that accompanies all-nighters.

Yes, at Elon, students have found a way to read an entire textbook in six hours and finish a generally cohesive 15-page research paper the night before it's due. Students finally have the superhuman powers of studying and writing at 4 a.m. and acing a test without having slept for 24 hours before. This strength and power is relatively inexpensive to purchase, readily available for purchase and absolutely illegal to consume.

The abuse of Adderall on Elon's campus is disturbingly ubiquitous and ignored. Everyone knows the kids rolling on the small capsules. They come to class with glassy and blood-shot eyes and will talk about any subject with fascinating focus and rapt attention. Adderall abusers look like zombies but are so wired and hyped that one might suspect Red Bull flows through their veins.

These Adderall abusers are criminals. They are committing a felony by possessing illegal prescription drugs and, though not as legally severe, are violating the Elon Honor Code.

The Honor Code posters that hang in every classroom have become such a common fixture that students and faculty alike no longer notice the signs.

The first value listed on the code is honesty. Can anyone really argue that by taking un-prescribed amounts of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder medicine he or she is not being "truthful in your academic work?"

Steroid use in Major League Baseball caused weeks of headlines, congressional investigations and hall of fame controversies. The International Olympic Committee is retesting athletes' doping samples from the Beijing games for a new type of blood-boosting drug that was discovered in the Tour de France. Marion Jones, once labeled "the world's fastest mom" admitted using steroids and was stripped of her medals, and her athletic legacy and career were disgraced.

There is no difference between these athletes using steroids and students using Adderall they have not been prescribed. Both are using illegal drugs that immorally and unhealthily enhance performance. It doesn't matter if they are competing in AT&T Park, the Sydney games or for a good grade on their chemistry final.

These Adderall abusers are cheaters. They are cheating on tests and papers by giving themselves an unfair advantage over the students who work hard and lose sleep without the assistance of illegal "uppers." Does that A really mean anything if it

was amphetamine stimulation instead of actual intelligence that achieved it?

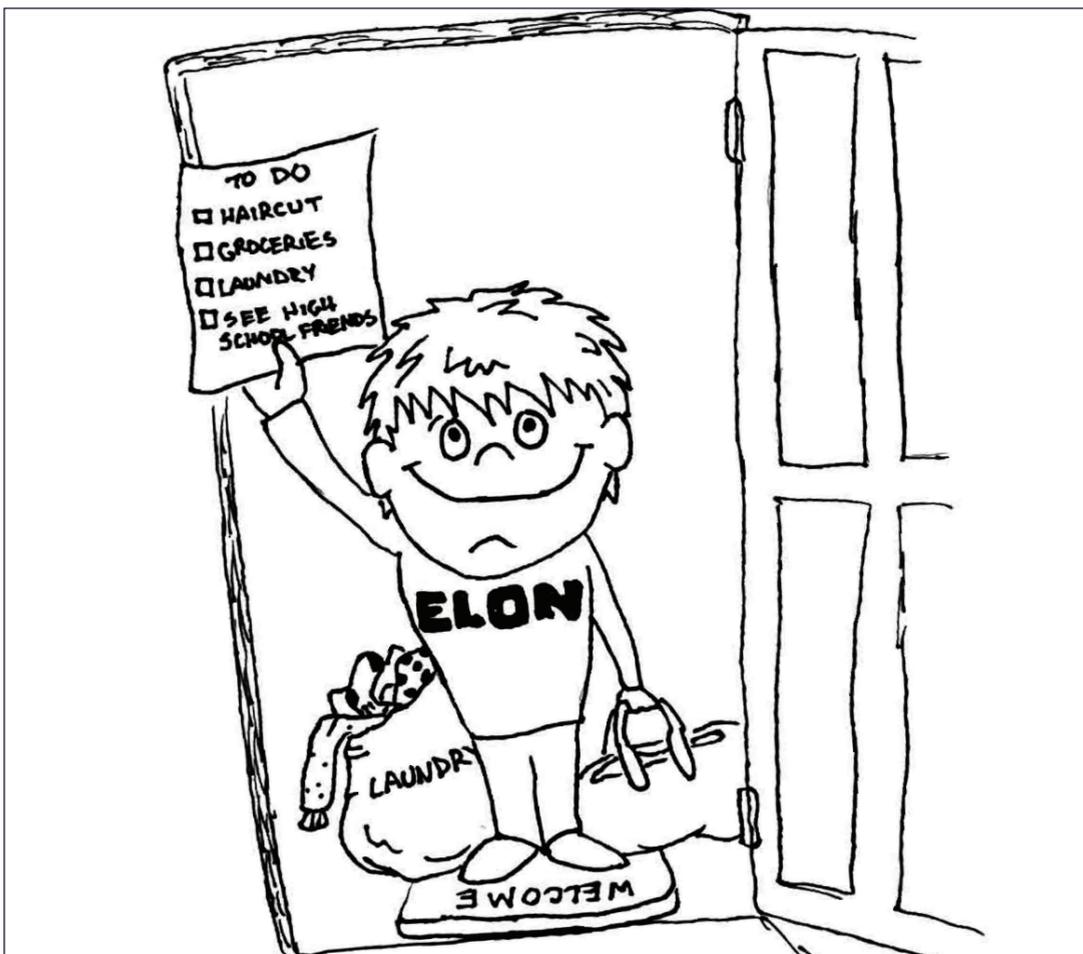
The graduate schools, medical schools and employers who see a 3.7 GPA would be sickened to know it was achieved by drug abuse instead of actual effort. Judicial affairs as well as campus and Town of Elon police should take the abuse of Adderall as seriously as underage drinking, marijuana and cocaine use for the health risks alone.

These Adderall abusers are illegal drug users. A student who overdoses on Adderall can experience lovely symptoms including hallucinations, panic states, tremors, vomiting, diarrhea and spasms. They are in danger of spending a harrowing spell in the emergency room drinking a large cup of activated charcoal to prevent them from convulsing and slipping into a coma.

Elon is guilty of harboring criminals, drug abusers and cheaters by not paying closer attention to this newest rage in study aids. Students who abuse Adderall cheapen themselves and everything their eventual college diploma will stand for when they abuse illegal prescription drugs.

Studying for midterms means long nights in Belk, squinting at a computer screen for hours and reading chapters of small text. It should not include the swallowing of an Adderall cocktail.

ILLUSTRATING THE ISSUES: "Mom, I'm home!"



Cartoon by Lars Bredahl

Turning in a full ballot is a civic responsibility

This upcoming November, students will step into the voting booth, some for the first time, and select the next president of the United States.

And that's it. Although the election includes candidates for other important state and local government offices such as state auditor, secretary of state and state labor commissioner, many will ignore the rest of the ballot.

North Carolina's ballot in 2008 has nine state positions up for grabs, not including candidates for the Senate and Congress, depending on which of the 13 districts a voter belongs. Responsible citizens should familiarize themselves with these candidates and include them in their vote. The 2008 election is not a strictly Obama and McCain affair.

Anyone watching even a limited amount of television has seen the heated political ads between U.S. Senate candidates Elizabeth Dole and Kay Hagan and witnessed the fierce battle being waged between gubernatorial candidates Pat McCrory and Bev Perdue.

These candidates' names should not be ignored on November 4th.

Think these candidates' issues don't affect an Elon student's daily routine? Students travel on NC 49 and other state highways on long trips home and everyone has been impacted by gas prices. McCrory wants to freeze the gas tax in North Carolina, which is already the fourth highest in the nation. All students working on and off campus were greeted by a heftier paycheck after the \$1 minimum wage increase that Perdue, in her current role as Lieutenant Governor, helped pass.

How about the state insurance commissioner and state agriculture commissioner? Many don't even know what these officials do, much less the candidates vying for office, and can't make the connection between obscure government titles and an impact on their lives.

John McCain thinks that Americans should have the ability to buy health insurance across state lines.

What elected official would be in the center of this new whirlwind of bylaws and consumer protection? The state insurance commissioner's role would suddenly broaden and include a national spectrum of issues instead of just state concerns.

Any concerned citizen would be wise to carefully research these candidates — Wayne Goodwin and John Odon are the primary contenders in North Carolina — as their roles will become increasingly prominent in the midst of presidential candidates' plans to revamp health care.

Conscientious students and American citizens alike, should realize the 2008 election is more than electing the first black president or the oldest president. It is deciding state government officials — public servants whose decisions directly impact the way voters live, work and play.

The ballot is long but the candidates are easily researched. Don't stop voting after checking either the Obama/Biden or McCain/Palin ticket.

Exercise the privileges our American forefathers fought for and many around the world are denied by stretching your voting right across the entire ballot.

Letter to the Editor

PETA's cause should not be easily dismissed

As a former member of PETA and a vegetarian of 17 years, I feel compelled to respond to Ashley Jobe's column "PETA's message ignores human needs."

While I agree PETA uses shock tactics to gain attention for its cause, I do not think the issue of manufacturing mass misery on living creatures can be dismissed as easily as Jobe attempts.

Because farm animals are considered property or products to be dismantled and packaged in an assembly line, most meat consumers do not question the acceptability of using animals to feed or clothe people. The historical comparisons must be mentioned: Women and slaves were also once considered the

property of white males.

Jobe's argument that the meat industry provides slaughter-house jobs and affordable "nourishment" for average people reminds me of arguments from 19th century southern land-owners in favor of plantations and slavery for the economic security of the region.

If one is horrified by witnessing pain inflicted on another living creature, then one must begin to question all the countless rationalizations and justifications for that practice.

— Troy Martin, assistant director of academic advising
Read the full letter at www.elon.edu/pendulum.

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Opinions

POLITICS:

Election results irrelevant if leaders maintain status quo



Morgan Little
Columnist

The markets are plummeting and the government is tossing money into the gaping jaw of economic malpractice with no alternatives in sight. The American people look at Congress and 90 percent of them wince.

The candidate of hope and change is going around telling everyone that we're in the largest economic crisis since the Great Depression, while the

ancient conservative waffles about without a policy, only recently deciding to declare a \$300 billion buyout of bad mortgages.

Neither is honestly talking about the problem. For a brief moment two weeks ago, when this entire tailspin began, it appeared as if the candidates would focus entirely on the economy and bring about policies that would at least offer solutions.

Instead, what America got was Sen. John McCain throwing a hissy fit, a final thrash before rigor mortis set. He canceled everything to head to Washington, where nothing really happened for

another week.

His own advisers have said he cannot win on economic issues. So Americans are greeted by the pit bull, a doe-eyed political gamble that paid off for a week or two, before the luster of having a gun-toting mom in the Oval Office wore off.

Many initially declared Gov. Sarah Palin to be the fresh, new face of the Republican Party, and if so, then these new Republicans would be better off campaigning with their mouths shut.

As for Sen. Barack Obama, he happily went along with the bailout plan and has since campaigned for revamping the economic system from ground one, focusing on four main elements. Under Obama's plan, revamping the country's energy policy, fixing health care, altering the educational system and creating jobs are the top priorities.

But how is any of this supposed to happen? Where is the money supposed to come from for any of this? Both candidates speak about cutting back on budgetary earmarks and corruption, and that's all well and good, but that will only pay a minor fraction of both candidates' proposed plans, if such measures even last past inauguration.

The most telling moment of these final weeks

of the campaign occurred during last week's presidential debate, the second so far, which was held in a town hall format. A voter asked the candidates what sacrifices the American people can be expected to make, and both McCain and Obama offered limp responses.

McCain rambled about cutting mysterious spending plans and how he rejected naval spending, while Sen. Obama mentioned President George W. Bush's post-9/11 shopping recommendation and energy reduction.

Someone in American politics, whether it's one of the two presidential candidates or a congressman, must take hold and push the country in a new direction. As it stands now, no one really knows what he or she is doing.

The masses follow Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson's plan because it's all they have, and the rest of the world is following America's bailout strategy because it was the first solution on the table.

The next four years don't depend on who wins the election. They depend on who steps up and becomes a real leader.

ON CAMPUS:

Smith Jackson's letter creates epidemic



Kriss LeRoy
Columnist

Smith Jackson's recent letter to students about JuicyCampus.com has started a controversial debate on whether or not to censor or block the site from Elon students.

For those who have not seen the Web site, JuicyCampus allows students from different schools to anonymously post anything they want on discussion boards. The majority of discussion boards on Elon's page discuss

students, partying and sex.

Fortunately, on many of the discussion boards discussing students there are defenders, friends and responsible students who will not stand for some of the things being said about those they know. There are even some discussions on the grotesque content students are placing and whether or not the Web site should be banned.

Though Jackson's heart was in the right place, it certainly was not a wise move to send out a letter about the Web site. Students admit to visiting the Web site more frequently now to see what all the hype is about. Many students didn't even know about the Web site until they read the e-mail.

An anonymous poster on the Web site wrote, "Worst move ever by Smith Jackson. Publicity is publicity, good or bad, and he just spread the word." According to that poster, the site will continue to grow and become increasingly horrible now that more students know about it.

Jackson says he believes that the novelty of the Web site will soon wear off, though that may not be the case. JuicyCampus is similar to Facebook, and may get more popular with students coming into college life. Sure, current students will grow tired of it, but that does not mean that future students will not use the site to trash whomever and whatever they please. Soon, JuicyCampus may even spread to high schools around the country.

"JuicyCampus raises important issues about which I feel compelled to comment," Jackson stated in the letter. JuicyCampus is a Web site designed to make comments on issues — no matter how insignificant and immature they are — of interest to college students. Jackson did exactly what posters on the Web site have done, but instead of commenting anonymously on the Web site, he sent out a letter to cover all topics, rather than commenting under one discussion.

The comments from Elon students (some even believe that posts are made by non-Elon students) may be horrible and they may offend others, but that doesn't mean Elon should censor it or even make a big deal about it.

Even without the Web site, students are going to gossip and find some way to express their anger and immaturity. Hundreds of students will never graduate from the high school drama and will continue to say whatever they want. By writing a letter to students, Jackson has created an epidemic. More and more students are going to get on the Web site and use it, and it can only get worse.

INTERNATIONAL:

English chaplain's blog is tasteless and sick



Taylor Doe
Columnist

In an age where the majority strive for equality and acceptance in societies, it seems that some missed the message. The Reverend Peter Mullen serves in the Church of England and also serves as chaplain to the London Stock Exchange. In a recent post to his Internet blog, he said that all gay men should be forced to have tattoos that say

"SODOMY CAN SERIOUSLY DAMAGE YOUR HEALTH" on their backsides and "FELLATIO KILLS" on their chins.

Mullen also went on to write in his blog that gay pride parades should be banned because he considers them to be "obscene" and that they will corrupt any youth that sees them.

To defend himself from the immediate public backlash, Mullen said that what he had written was meant to be a "light-hearted joke." Not surprisingly, there have been numerous calls for him to resign both from his position at the Stock Exchange and from the Church.

Mullen has been reprimanded in the past for similar verbal attacks. He has said that Muslims have lent themselves to ridicule by "sticking their arses in the air five times a day." He was censured for committing adultery with a member of his parish

and forced to resign from his former parish.

Mullen is obviously a man who has no concept of respect for cultures, religions or lifestyles other than his own. As a member of the Church, Mullen is held to a higher standard and judging by his comments, it is a standard he is not able to meet. When he speaks, he speaks not just for himself but on behalf of the Church. If these are the sentiments he wishes to share publicly, one can only imagine what he says behind closed doors.

It continues to shock most level-headed people that some public figures are willing to publicly attack the gay community in such a vile way. Even if the Reverend was attempting to be humorous when he made those remarks, there is no way such hateful words should ever be interpreted as funny. And if there are people who do find this kind of speech funny, they should rethink their sense of humor.

People who speak out in this manner, whether it be in regards to race, religion, sexuality or gender, have no place as a part of the public discourse. Hate and intolerance should not be accepted or brushed aside. It is the responsibility of the Church of England to denounce these remarks and remove him from their organization. Furthermore, he should be expelled from his position at the Stock Exchange.

If Mullen feels this way about gays or Muslims, that is his sick prerogative. But to give him a pulpit from which he can disperse his ignorance to a wider public is irresponsible and immoral.

POLITICS:

Political parodies define upcoming election



Caroline Key
Columnist

The satire surrounding this year's presidential debate has taken political parody to a new level of significance. TV shows such as Saturday Night Live have had a field day tracking the blunders and ridiculous gestures of the candidates, while social media sites like YouTube have circulated them to an audience of millions.

The impact that political satire has on votes may be debatable, but as a key part of popular culture, comedy surrounding the presidential debate must be embraced by both voters and politicians of both parties.

Comedy helps people step away from the seriousness of the political climate and reminds the nation that even the people in charge of running the country are human. The candidates must embrace the comedians bantering their quirks and blunders in order to connect with the voters and show that they can laugh at themselves once in a while too.

In past elections, many outrageous moments could pass without much media attention but now those who missed an episode of SNL or a candidate stumble through an interview question can find it online along with hordes of video responses and collages made by regular Americans.

This kind of online forum allows voters to express their opinions about the candidates in a variety of ways, giving them power to speak to America. It is the new wave of democracy, creating a forum for discussion and an abundance of information that the individual can then form an opinion about.

The parody surrounding the current debate is more prevalent than those of the past, not only because of the surge of social media, but the easily mocked characters up for election.

When McCain announced Sarah Palin as his running mate, the faces of SNL writers must have lit up like the Rockefeller Christmas tree. There was no question that Tina Fey, former SNL comedian and apparently Sarah Palin's identical twin separated at birth, would have to come back to the show.

Of course Fey was going to recreate the winks, the folksy-talk, and the plentiful "maverick" references. She was given plenty of ammunition just from the distinguishable characteristics Palin brings to the election. She's not another boring old guy in a suit running for office, after all. Her distinguishable characteristics and the uncanny resemblance to Fey make the comedian's impression of Palin amusing to voters of both parties, regardless of their opinions.

SNL has spared no one in its mockery of the political candidates. Obama, Biden, McCain and Palin have all been made targets for the sake of comedy. There is no harm in a little laughter to lighten the mood during such crucial times.

By using comedy, the debate is kept on the forefront of everyone's minds without exhausting and overwhelming the public. Parody brings politics down to earth and unites voters in the one thing everyone supports — laughter.

Elon's plagiarism cases remain consistent since '05

Lindsay Eney
Copy Editor

Six words may seem insignificant in a lot of ways. But six words are sometimes all it takes to have a plagiarized case on your hands.

In the 2007-2008 school year, there were 22 recorded incidents of plagiarism, according to the office of judicial affairs. Despite the university's emphasis on honor and integrity, plagiarism consistently occurs. But according to Whitney Pack, coordinator of judicial affairs, there is a lot of gray area when it comes to plagiarism at Elon, and some cases never even make it to the judicial affairs office.

When a professor suspects a student has plagiarized, the student and professor meet in person as soon as possible to discuss the situation. At this meeting, the student can claim responsibility for the infraction, sign a form, and accept course-related sanctions from the professor. In this situation, there is no need to see the judicial board. But situations aren't always so black and white.

"Sometimes, it does come down to interpretation, and that's when it goes to the honor board," Pack said.

If students say they are not responsible for the incident, the professor notifies the assistant vice president of academic affairs, who sets up a judicial board hearing. The judicial board can find the student either responsible or not responsible. If responsible, course-related sanctions are assigned. Students do have the right to appeal this decision if found responsible.

Pack said penalties vary for each case, but typically on the first offense, professors will assign sanctions. In addition, an academic censure is placed on the student's record. This censure can be expunged from the student's academic record prior to graduation. Repeat offenders are usually suspended by the vice president for academic affairs.

The numbers of recorded cases since fall 2005 are very consistent, with anywhere from eight to 15 cases each semester.

This year's senior class entered Elon

in the fall of 2005, and was not required to go through the Call to Honor process, a ceremony at the start of the school year where students gather to pledge their commitment to Elon's honor and social code values. That semester, there were 15 recorded cases of plagiarism on campus. The following year marked the debut of the Call to Honor, and there were still 13 cases that semester.

"Statistically, I have not seen a significant change," Pack said in reference to whether the new ritual has had a positive effect on the instances of plagiarism.

There were five more cases of plagiarism in the 2006-2007 school year than in the 2005-2006 school year.

But Pack also mentioned that while she has been hearing from freshmen that the Call to Honor ceremony definitely needs improvement, the ceremony is still getting students to think twice about plagiarism because they realize how seriously the university considers the offense.

Pack is curious about what the real trend is, and who is responsible for the trend.

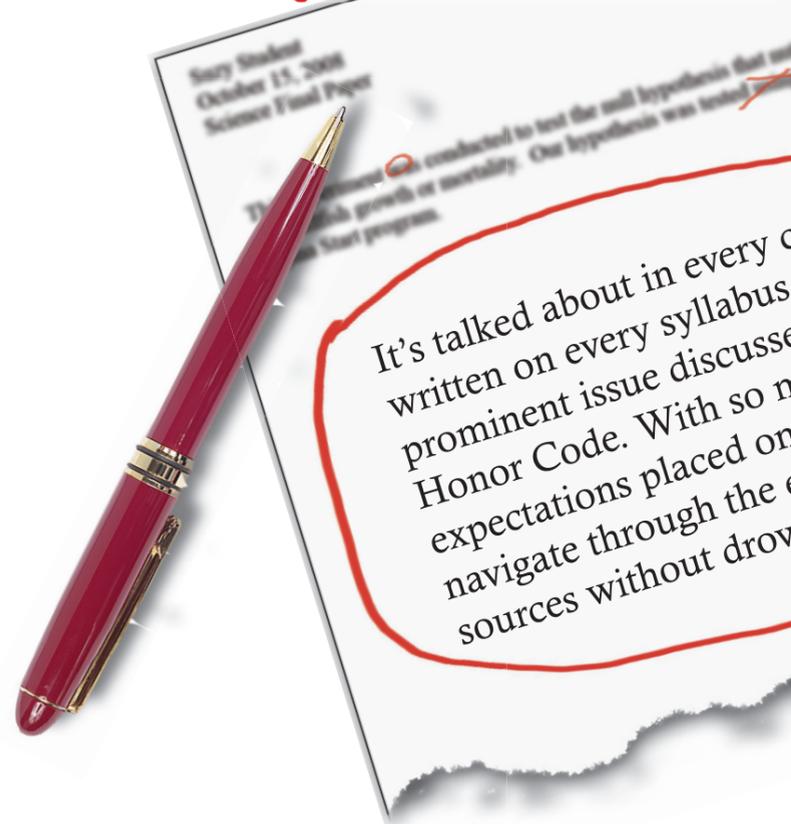
"Is the culture now changing so that professors are reporting [plagiarism] more frequently when they see it happening, even if it may be occurring less frequently?" Pack said. "The university as a whole is becoming more cognizant of it as an issue, so I'd like to think it is occurring less frequently now."

Pack said that fewer cases of accidental plagiarism seem to result from English classes because the methods are so drilled into the minds of the students. She also said what she calls "malicious plagiarism," or the copying of whole papers, is seen very rarely. What shows up more often is a "paragraph here or a paragraph there," according to Pack.

Elon's Web site about plagiarism says the use of direct quotations, proper paraphrasing techniques and appropriate attributions of ideas are vital to the avoidance of plagiarism.

For more information about the judicial process and Honor Code violations, visit <http://www.elon.edu/e-web/students/handbook/judicialhonor.xhtml>.

Passing on Plagiarism



National plagiarism statistics:

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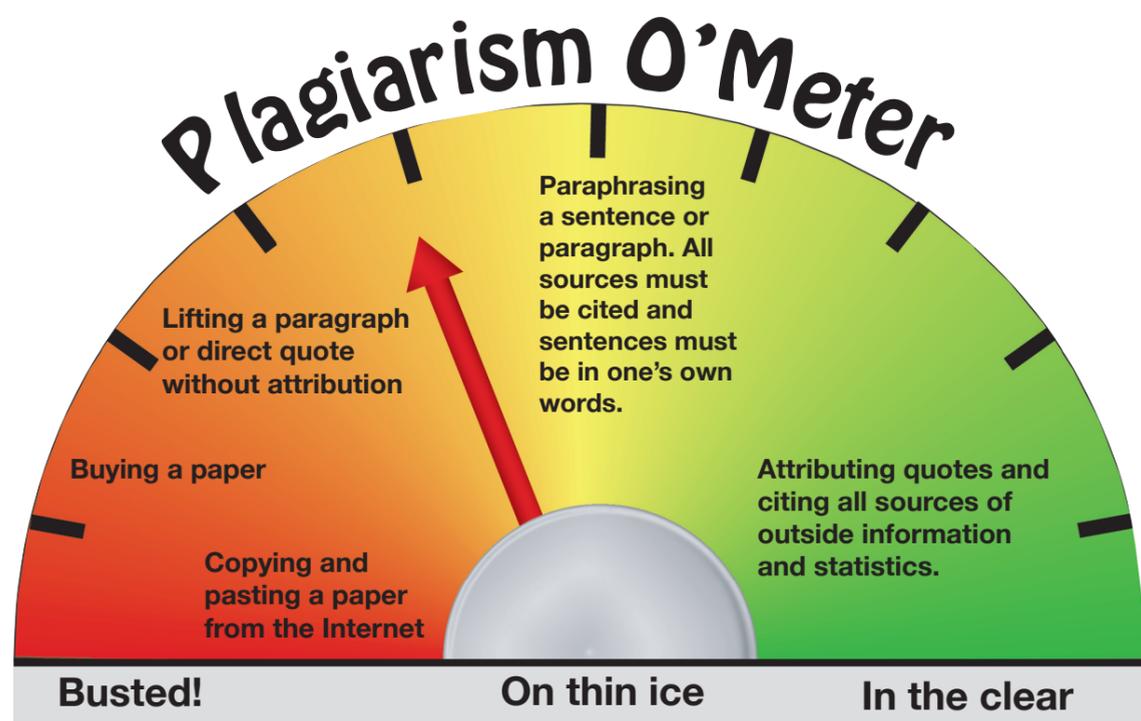
Undergraduate students surveyed from 23 institutions who said they had implemented "cut-and-paste" plagiarism at least once in the past year.

50%

Undergraduate students surveyed from 23 institutions who did not consider "cut-and-paste" plagiarism to be a significant violation.

75%

Undergraduate students who said they had plagiarized to cheating



Professors keep true

Sophie Duensing
Reporter

Elon University is not the sort of school that allows students to slip through the cracks. The small classroom size demands that students and professors interact on an intimate level. Absences do not go unnoticed and professors are familiar with their students' individual writing and learning style. This tight-knit relationship creates an atmosphere where plagiarism would be difficult to get away with.

Catching plagiarists in the act may be a priority for some professors, but for history professor David Crowe, preventing the problem is his main concern.

"I prefer to fix the problem before it becomes a problem," Crowe said.

Not suspicious by nature, Crowe said he does not see plagiarism as a major threat to his curriculum.

"Maybe I'm naïve, but I'd rather be naïve and trusting of my students," he said. "Looking for signs of plagiarism in papers takes

the fun out of reading. It is something that I

Rather than focusing on and convicting the students that do occur, Crowe focuses on the importance of discussing the issues that drive students to plagiarize.

Elon is a school where academic expectations are high, students, while also recognizing the importance of extra involvement through learning, participation in clubs and honors societies. Balancing it all, and finding time for a social life can be staggering.

Crowe said the reason why students who plagiarize are often lazy, but rather than being unprepared to deal with the problem associated with such a life style. Rather than dealing with plagiarism as a discipline, faculty should come directly to the help if they feel overwhelmed or unable to deal with it.

While plagiarism is often associated with buying or stealing

SafeAssign: Blackboard tool helps professors catch students in the act

Rachel Cieri
Reporter

With countless Web sites such as eCheat, Cheathouse and termpapergenie.com, it seems easier than ever to plagiarize and get away with it. A new tool on Blackboard could help reverse this mindset.

Although it is not widely advertised, Elon's Blackboard site has carried a plagiarism-detecting service called SafeAssign for about a year. The program is free to Blackboard users, and it allows professors and students alike to check assignments for "unoriginal content," according to its Web site.

"The tool compares any written document against its database of other written documents, and it comes back to you with an estimation of how much of it is plagiarized or not," said Instructional Support Liaison Roger Gant, who heads Blackboard services at Elon.

SafeAssign essentially sends its user a percentage of how much a document has been plagiarized. The higher the percentage, the greater the amount of plagiarized material contained in the document and the smaller the amount of original content.

The report also displays the sources to which the document's content matches, and if the user selects a source, the text of the document that matches the source will be highlighted.

"It really leaves the judgment up to the instructor as to whether they consider it plagiarism or not," Gant said.

This way, professors who suspect plagiarism can make allowances for paraphrasing and differences in syntax.

"If it works, I welcome it," said Beth Warner, human services professor.

Although accepting of the new plagiarism technology, Warner also defended Elon students. She admitted that plagiarism incidents have occurred. Warner said that the majority of them were unintentional.

"It seems that some students still don't understand what plagiarism is," Warner said. For Warner, the main problem with plagiarism has been students wrongly citing sources or improperly re-wording articles.

SafeAssign is an alternative to similar services such as TurnItIn.com, which charges a fee to check the

originality of a document.

SafeAssign's database is compiled from a multitude of essays, articles, books and Web sites, and is constantly being updated. When students or faculty check a document in SafeAssign, the tool automatically adds that document into its database for future plagiarism searches. The only way to keep the assignment from being added to the database is to use SafeAssign's "draft mode," which performs the same function without adding the document.

Since the database is constantly updated, it helps to keep students from selling their assignments to students at other colleges and universities.

Use of SafeAssign is not widespread because students cannot check their own assignments unless the instructor has set it up and, to Gant's knowledge, there are only a handful of faculty members who have been using it.

The university began discussing the use of SafeAssign as a preventative measure rather than a solution to a problem.

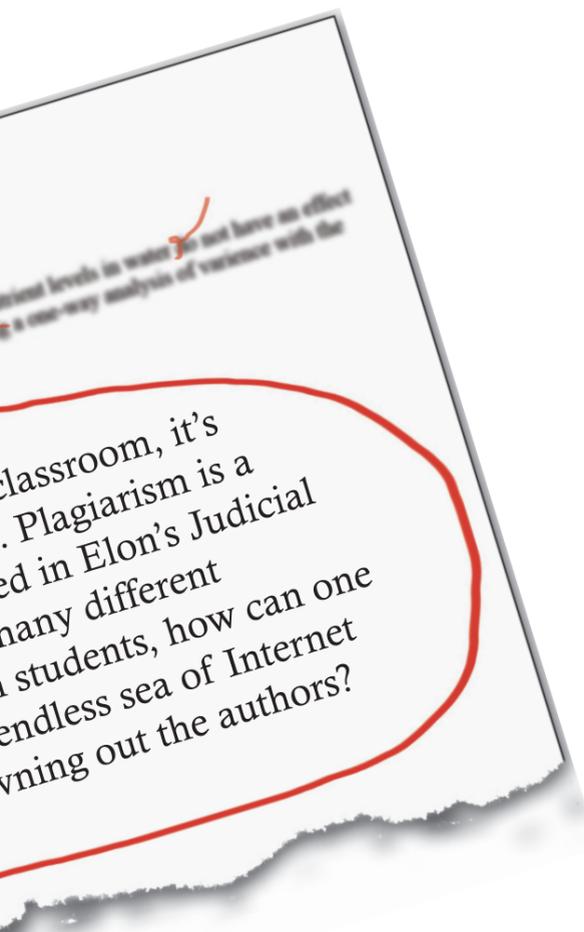
"We're not getting a lot of people asking about it," Gant said. "The one person who did [ask] was looking at it from a general perspective of whether it's a good or bad thing. As such, we haven't really gotten a directive to go out and advertise it."

Instructors can find SafeAssign if they look for it, but many may not even know that it exists. There was some discussion about whether a program like SafeAssign sends the right message about the university because, to some, it may indicate that Elon does not trust its students.

"I think, as an instructor, it's a matter of how much do you trust your students, how much do you want to be a policeman and how much do you want to engage them?" Gant said.

According to Gant, the administration intends to "take it slow," making sure that the program serves the appropriate purpose.

"Like any tool, it will be as effective as the people who want to use it," Gant said.



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Undergraduate students who said that cheating was necessary to excel in school. **85%**

Statistics taken from 2003 NY Times study and www.plagiarism.org

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classmates' work, today the majority of plagiarism that occurs is from the Internet. There are Web sites that offer papers for purchase, but a simple Google search is often enough to obtain an article on any given topic.

Plagiarism is discussed in Elon 101, but after freshman year the responsibility of learning exactly what the crime entails is left in the hands of students and the professors who choose to discuss the matter in class. The few who insist on plagiarizing will find a way — despite every precaution taken by the school.

Elon's mission statement closes with the assertion: "We foster respect for human differences, passion for a life of learning, personal integrity and an ethic of work and service."

Through upholding this mission and respecting human differences, whether they are differences in learning style or in different ways of coping with college stress, plagiarism can be prevented, rather than punished, as many professors agree.

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By the books: Other Honor code violations that could impact grades

Information from <http://www.elon.edu/e-web/students/handbook/violations/default.xhtml>

Offense	Definition	Sanctions
Cheating	The possession, receipt, use or solicitation of unauthorized materials, information, notes, study aids or other devices in any academic exercise. This definition includes unauthorized communication of information before, during and after an academic exercise.	Course related response These sanctions are related to the course in which the violation occurred. This includes an influence on the course grade. An optional "honor code F," may be assigned by the professor. Institutional response Academic Censure with notification letter to parents/guardians; sanctions resulting from egregious or multiple honor code violations will be determined by the Assistant Vice President of Academic Affairs. These sanctions may include preliminary suspension, disciplinary suspension or permanent separation from the university.
Facilitating academic dishonesty	Helping or attempting to help another person commit an act of academic dishonesty, such as assisting another during an exam, or allowing one's academic work to be represented as the work of another.	
Lying	Any oral or written statement misrepresenting the truth.	
Technology policies	4 core values: Cyber communities and online social networks: Elon expects students who choose to utilize cyber communities/online social networks to exercise discretion and uphold standards of good taste and respect. E-mail: All users are expected to adhere to bounds of decency, law, ethics, common sense and good taste in e-mail communications. Videotaping, audio taping and photography without consent: Videotaping, audio taping, or photography (camera and video phones included) of students, faculty or staff without their express consent. World Wide Web: Individuals and university-sanctioned student organizations must comply with the Elon University Web Policy as well as all local, state and federal laws for material on the university Web site.	First Offense - normally, not less than official warning, loss of computing privileges on a temporary basis and possible loss of privilege to exhibit a web site or use university email. Second Offense - normally, not less than disciplinary probation or preliminary suspension, suspension or expulsion from Elon's computing facilities and possible permanent loss of technology privileges. Third Offense - normally, disciplinary suspension or permanent separation. Also, students found in violation of University policy as well as local, state and federal laws may be held accountable through the student judicial system and/or the legal system.

Style

Haircut: \$22 Advice: Free

Never a dull cut at Eleonore's Hair Designs

Hannah Williams
Reporter

The front door of Eleonore's Hair Design stands slightly ajar, preventing the warmth of the shop from clouding the storefront windows and allowing the aroma of hairspray and freshly laundered towels to waft out onto Williamson Avenue.

The inviting glow emanating from Eleonore Dunn's shop reminds passers-by of a time not too long ago when the historic downtown housed the signature bustling businesses of a small town. It intrigues the curiosities of Elon students who've known little other than the status quo.

As Dunn works on shampooing, cutting, drying and styling three self-described "little old ladies" hair on a dreary Thursday morning, the women tease that Eleonore's Hair Design is their own private club.

"If you don't want to have gray hair, you don't get to come in," a woman with her head hidden in silver rollers said.

Her friend added, "If you have gray hair, you get to have it blonde."

"We got old together," Dunn said. "[But] I have clients ranging from 15 months to 97 years old."

Dunn appears to be a town fixture, moving easily in the frame of her store windows, her hands nimbly juggling a pair of scissors and a comb as she snips off clients' locks. But she was once the new kid in the block.



HANNAH WILLIAMS | Photographer
Eleonore Dunn offers a variety of services at her local salon for reasonable prices.

European Roots

Born and raised in Germany, Dunn was ill-prepared for the South and the discrimination that ran deep in 1969 when she moved to North Carolina. Not only was she shocked by the segregation separating whites and blacks, but also by the hostility toward foreigners, especially Germans.

Dunn met her husband, Harold Dunn Sr., when he was stationed in Germany. While neither knew much of the other's language, they managed to get by with German-English dictionaries and universal nonverbal communication.

She learned how to speak English by watching TV, reading the newspaper and through her husband. She now speaks with a hard-to-place accent that is a mix of German, Southern and Janssen — as in David Janssen of the 1960s television series "The Fugitive."

Making the Cut

After grasping on the language, she pursued her passion of becoming a hairstylist, something her mother would never permit in Germany, and obtained her beauty license from Alamance Beauty College.

After butting heads with a few of her first boss's clients, Dunn wanted to work

in a salon where people who wanted their hair styled and didn't mind her heritage would be welcome.

Dunn opened Eleonore's Hair Design in 1980. She set up shop in the original Elon Post Office built in 1888, which had since been converted into a barbershop.

More than a Haircut

Elon University Junior Ryan Cantanese started going to Dunn's on another student's recommendation.

"It's kind of just the old-fashioned thing where it's not just getting a haircut," he said. "It's going, getting a haircut and just talking about your life or the issues of the day. It's much more personal."

Dunn's beauty parlor would be better-suited as Eleonore's Salon, as her shop is a salon in the renaissance sense of the term: a central hub for exchanging ideas and stories, discussing politics and business and sharing life.

"People show up like an hour early for their haircuts to hang out and talk first," said Cantanese in disbelief. "Eleonore is a firecracker ... She's funny. She's opinionated, and she's not afraid to say what she thinks."

Practical Pampering

While the convenience and ambiance drew Cantanese to Eleonore's shop, he also saved his wallet from taking too drastic a cut. Men's haircuts run \$16 and women's start at \$22. She also offers the option of adding a shampoo for \$2 more.

Additional services offered in the salon include perms, all over color and Sunglitz, color retouch and lip and brow waxing.

Snip Off the Old Block

As the sole town representative left in the original downtown strip on Williamson Avenue, Dunn keeps a watchful eye on the community through the open blinds of the storefront, which Dunn owns and has no intention of selling.

"I lucked out," she said. "Elon takes over everything."

Dunn and her friends have seen houses demolished for the construction of McMichael, their grocery and drug stores replaced

with Arts West and the local service station disassembled and replaced by an Elon University sign. Dunn pulled photographs out of a dresser drawer to prove it.

Despite her qualms with the university's spreading influence, Eleonore's Hair Design attracts many students and faculty due to its convenient location and small-town feel.

Shear Will

On a chilly Thursday morning in October, conversation in the shop revolved around the various health problems ailing mutual friends when Dunn answered a phone call from a client canceling her appointment for the following day due to illness.

Dunn herself wears a pink ribbon pin during Breast Cancer Awareness month. She is a two-time breast cancer survivor.

She beat cancer in 1990, and it was in remission for 17 years. Last year, the cancer came back, but Dunn beat it again.

Unfortunately, the cancer medications also caused heart complications, necessitating open-heart surgery. Dunn took time off to recuperate, but was back on her feet and in the shop in no time.

Stylish Finish Still Out of Sight

Dunn is at home in her small town and in her element at her shop. It takes her less than 10 minutes to commute from home to work.

Standing by the storefront windows, wielding a hairdryer in one hand and a brush in the other, Dunn styles a client's hair to silvery perfection.

"Sooner or later, I have to quit, I reckon," said Dunn, sighing.

"I hope it's not 'til later," one client said.

"Only when we give you permission," another said.

Dunn has no plans for closing up shop anytime soon. Twenty-eight years and counting, she continues to sharpen her craft and her resolve.

Another day. Another client. Another reason to be alive.

Dunn says she's grateful for today. "Nobody's promised tomorrow, be thankful for every day you have."

A home away from home

Host families provide students abroad with a first-hand experience of the culture

Mary Nease
Reporter

What if you could study abroad without having to leave behind the comforts of home and your loving family?

Many of Elon's study abroad programs include the opportunity to live with a host family, which means that a student lives in the home of a local family in the country in which they study. Generally, the family provides students with their own bedrooms, meals and laundry service, but they also allow students to integrate themselves into the country's culture.

Elon offers the host family option in many countries, including Costa Rica, Spain, Denmark and Japan. Many students welcome this family atmosphere, but others find the prospect of living with complete strangers intimidating.

In some of these countries, such as Costa Rica, the host family option is the only living arrangement that Elon offers.

"In many ways, the experience made my trip worthwhile," Jeremy Teetor, a junior who studied in Costa Rica last spring, said. A North Carolina native, Teetor jokes that his host mother

"put Southern hospitality to shame," and after only a week, he was being lovingly referred to as her son.

Students who stay with host families are able to learn things that they wouldn't have known had they stayed with other students.

"They were able to help me improve my Spanish," said Erica Gierlach, another Elon junior who studied in Costa Rica. "They also gave me lots of good tips about how to get around the city, dangers to be aware of, the best bus routes to take and other little things that I would not have gotten if I had lived with other college students, Elon or not."

Despite the advantages of living with a host family, there are some awkward experiences that accompany it. Teetor lived with a host brother, a living situation that took getting used to as he had grown up with just a sister.

"It took some time to learn how to not make my host brother jealous of [his mom] and I getting along so well," he explained.

Gierlach dealt with the discomfort of having to witness her host mom discipline her children and yell at them at the dinner table.

"I felt bad for my siblings because I knew that I would have felt so

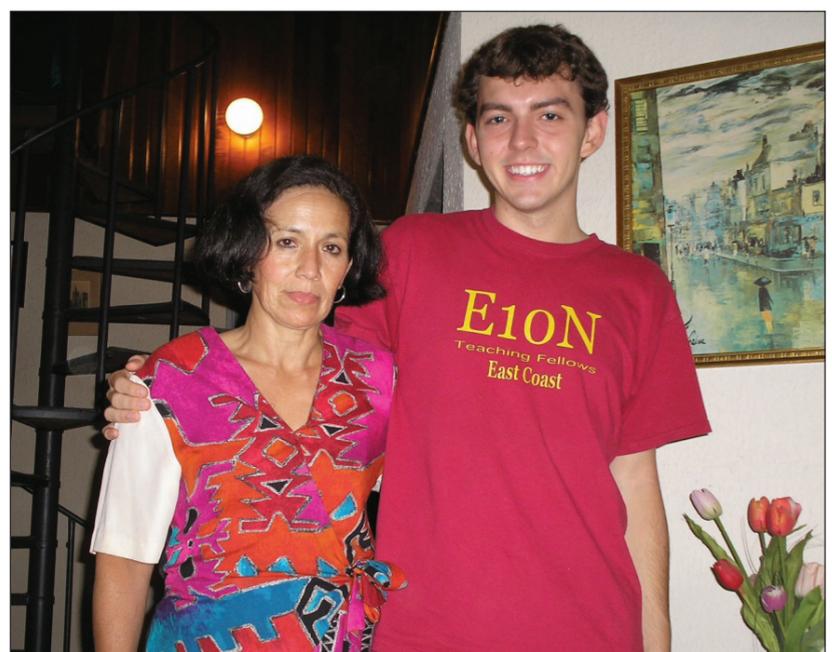


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Junior Jeremy Teetor lived with a host family during his semester in Costa Rica. He said that his host mom, Teresita, "put Southern hospitality to shame."

embarrassed if I was in their position," she said.

Gierlach also had to cope with her family's schedule, which differed greatly from her own.

"They got up a lot earlier than I was used to, and since my room was on the first floor and right next to the kitchen, I heard them every morning," she said. "This was a little strange and annoying at first but it was something

that I got used to."

Both students said that the challenges just helped them to better understand the country's culture, and the positive aspects of the experience outweigh the negatives. If someone asked Gierlach what her favorite part of her study abroad experience was, her response would be her host family, and Teetor said that sometimes he still misses the family he lived with.

Push the Music rocks Whitley

Noelle Clemente
Reporter

Whitley Auditorium filled up on Thursday, Oct. 9 as Rip_Chord, Sweet Signatures and Twisted Measure returned for a second Push the Music concert. The concert supported Push America, a philanthropy organization that raises money for people with disabilities. The event was sponsored by Pi Kappa Phi.



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

ABOVE: The women of Sweet Signatures sing Sara Bareilles' "Fairytale" at Push the Music.

RIGHT: Sophomores Maggie Pahos and Justin Hinote sing Twisted Measure's version of "Falling Slowly."



MOVIE REVIEW ★★

Thrills fly in 'Body of Lies'

Adam Constantine
Film Critic

"Body of Lies" puts Roger Ferris (Leonardo DiCaprio) in the heart of Iraq. As a secret operative in the CIA, his job is to intercept valuable intelligence that will help locate deadly terrorist cells in Iraq. His job requires dangerous missions that put his life on the line for what appear to be CDs and random pieces of paper.

But when in the hands of his superior, Ed Hoffman (Russell Crowe), these items are analyzed for the vital information they hold.

It is an ideal situation for Hoffman, because he has a man in the area he can trust giving him the intel he needs. We cannot say the same for Ferris.

There are many jobs he disagrees with, but he must complete them. Ferris follows his orders to a T until it comes to a high-profile terrorist.

When his superior refuses to seek help from the Jordanian secret service, Ferris goes against his orders and reaches out for their help. Together they must find a way to capture the terrorist at the risk of angering those in the CIA.

Most action thrillers have one thing in common: action. "Body of Lies" focuses much more on the mind games played than on actual violence and how it is done. The first three-fourths of the movie crawl by, but it picks up toward the very end, making it a decent film.

There were some elements in the movie that clashed with the thinking of a CIA operative.



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Take the love interest, for example. When operatives are told to get out of a country, they get out. They don't do what Ferris did: refuse and go back to save a girl they just met three weeks ago.

DiCaprio continues to mature as an actor, and he does an excellent job playing his role as the CIA operative with a conscience. He commands attention when he is on screen, and keeps what little suspense there is attached to the film.

Crowe plays his superior who would give him orders from the United States government. His character contrasts DiCaprio's in the sense that he has a calming tone when he speaks, but still demands respect from those who listened.

Overall, this is a decent action thriller that will do well because there is nothing else to watch this week.

But when it comes down to it, save the money from the movie ticket and go get some ice cream.

"Body of Lies" is currently playing at Carousel Cinemas at Alamance Crossing.

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A behind-the-scenes look at 'Sweeney Todd'

Elon's latest musical cast brings eccentric, outrageous characters to life

Amanda Kennison
Reporter

After years of waiting, Oct. 30 will finally mark the opening of "Sweeney Todd." People may be familiar with the story of the murderous, straight-razor-wielding barber, compliments of the recent big screen adaptation. But Elon's production results from director Cathy McNeela's ardent love of Stephen Sondheim.

"I've been waiting 15 years to put on this production, but it never felt like the right time," McNeela said. "Now just felt like the right time, like all the necessary pieces have come together."

It's difficult to understand all the pieces that come together to create a production like "Sweeney Todd." Seldom does an audience consider all the hours of preparation necessary for the final product.

Focusing on the influence of England's Industrial Revolution, "Sweeney Todd" takes on a mechanical presence. With moving sets propelled by the manpower of cast members and oppressive sounds of the factory resonating throughout the show, everyone has strived to recreate the dehumanization embodied by the time period.

"We are working from the place of the machine and how it chews up and devours the common man," costume designer Jack Smith said. "So, Dale Becherer, the scene

designer, and Bill Webb, the lighting designer and I are all working in a very tight black, gray and white palette with pops of red and rust. This makes the world seem drab and uninviting."

Achieving such a visually intriguing show requires many hours of prep time and many volunteers. The costume department alone is creating about 120 costumes and is making about 80 percent from scratch.

Performers have been rehearsing since Sept. 14, for four hours a day, Sunday through Thursday. The first week of practice was strictly about unraveling the complexities of Sondheim's compositions. After that, the cast goes through blocking and choreography processes. By the time the actors start practicing in McCrary Theatre, the rehearsals will be all about running through trouble spots and putting everything together.

In order to really understand their characters and the piece as a whole, the actors spent a lot of time outside rehearsals preparing for their roles.

"At any spare moment of the day, and in your sleep too, you're doing work to prepare for the role," said Emily Rice, who plays Mrs. Lovett. "You have to take it one piece at a time. It's like a giant puzzle. The pieces begin sprawled out everywhere on the floor, but slowly and steadily they come together to create the whole picture."



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

The cast of "Sweeney Todd" has been rehearsing since Sept. 14 to perfect Elon's adaptation of Stephen Sondheim's award-winning musical. The show will run Oct. 30-31, Nov. 1 and Nov. 7-9 in McCrary Theatre.

The actors in "Sweeney Todd" have picked up skills to get into character. Rice learned how to knit, since Mrs. Lovett makes Toby a muffler. Chris Wood, who plays the infamous Sweeney Todd, actually learned how to use a straight razor.

"When I first found out that I got the part, I went online and bought myself a straight razor," Wood said. "I figured if I'm supposed to look like I know how to use one, I might as well learn. It took me a little while, slitting my face open a number of times before I got the hang of it. I'm pretty consistent now, though. It's really an art form."

Performers put in a lot of time researching the time period, working on dialects and gleaning meaning from the script and music. Understanding the child labor laws of the 1800s or knowing about penal colonies proves as significant as memorizing lines.

For all the difficulties along the way, the rewards of creating such a massive musical are great.

"For me the biggest reward has been learning the music and putting it into action on stage," said Chris Staskel, who plays Toby. "Every note seems to comment on the story,

so audiences will hear the chiming of Big Ben, seagulls during the song 'By the Sea' and eerie echoes of a medieval requiem mass throughout. Besides, you'd think me twisted if I'd just said the fact that I get to slit someone's throat with a razor."

McNeela describes any production process as a series of challenges. Part of the fun is working through those challenges.

"I love the process much more than I love the product," McNeela said. "Seeing the progress and growth, that is incredibly exciting."

MUSIC REVIEW ★★

Oasis' seventh not as full of 'Glory'

Chris King
Reviewer

Oasis is a band as well known for its ego as it is for its music. The Gallagher brothers Liam and Noel (the principle band members) have caused conflict for as long as their band has been around. From rival Brit-rock band Blur (the mid-90s) to Jay-Z (a few months ago at the Glastonbury Festival in their English homeland), there's no one these two won't start trouble with.

They're also known for making broad overarching statements about their own greatness. Their sound is often compared to The Beatles, but in their minds, they one-up the Liverpool lads in almost every way. When they're on, as they were in their 1995 album "(What's the Story) Morning Glory?" they seem to almost live up to these preposterous claims. Unfortunately their seventh studio effort, "Dig Out Your Soul," fails to live up to the high bar they set for themselves.

With an album full of low key, mid-tempo rockers, the problem isn't that it's necessarily bad, it's that none of the songs really stand out. And as the album goes on, they all begin to bleed into one long and rather dull song. Most of these songs are built on grooves, but unfortunately the grooves never really build into anything, offering a tease to a song that never comes.



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Opening with "Bag It Up," things immediately seem off, as the riff sounds more KT Tunstall than "Wonderwall." It doesn't help that the brothers sound rather dour. In fact, this could well be the least upbeat Oasis record ever. Liam sings about "freaks rising up through the floor" and "a hole in the ground into which I'm falling." Depression doesn't suit this band well.

The album has its good songs, with "I'm Outta Time" sounding like a lost track from John Lennon's "Plastic Ono Band," and "Waiting for the Rapture" like a bluesy stomp straight from "The White Album." The band's attempts at aping the rest of the Fab Four don't go over as well. "To Be Where There's Life" sounds like the brothers have been listening to George Harrison's "Concert for Bangladesh," and not in a good way. With

droning sitars and lyrics involving "locked doors" and "secret floors," the brothers' philosophizing isn't exactly Nietzsche.

But "Life" isn't the only song that has spiritual allusions. In fact, the album is chock full of references to trances, rapture and God. The irony is that this album offers the band's least transcendent work.

Nearly every song comes off as a middle-of-the-road band ripping off Oasis. Songs like "Don't Look Back in Anger" and especially "Champagne Supernova" showed the band at a high point, making powerful, moving rock 'n' roll. "Dig Out Your Soul" is not the return to form that this once-great band wants and, more importantly, needs. If they don't start making better records, before too long Oasis will be a band that is remembered for its ego, not its music.

A&E IN BRIEF

Choreography Salon gives Elon community a look at in progress dance pieces

On Wednesday, Oct. 22, and Thursday, Oct. 23, some of Elon's dance students will get the chance to perform a few of their works-in-progress for an audience. In the Choreography Salon, the audience can give the dancers feedback about their work.

The Salon will showcase solos, duets and trios choreographed by students in Cherie Bower's choreography I class and quartets, quintets and sextets from Lauren Kearns' choreography II class. The Choreography Salon will happen at 6 and 8 p.m. Oct. 22 and 23 in Center for the Arts Studio A.

Iraqi sculptor Ahmed Fadaam to be Elon's next Periclean Scholar-in-Residence

Ahmed Fadaam, an Iraqi sculptor, will speak to global studies, art and communications classes during his time as Periclean Scholar-in-Residence Oct. 16-31. Fadaam switched his focus from art to journalism after the war began. The school where he taught was burned down. He has since written for the New York Times and won several awards, including the National Headliner Award. Fadaam will speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, in Yeager Recital Hall.

Performing arts students and faculty participate in Ever Elon gala

Students and faculty from Elon's Department of Performing Arts entertained guests Oct. 11 at a dinner gala kicking off the Ever Elon campaign. Fred Rubeck, associate professor of performing arts, directed the program, which included singing, dancing and two new musical works. Todd Coleman and Stephen Futrell, both professors of music, composed the Ever Elon Campaign Theme, and Futrell also added a new verse to the Elon University Alma Mater.

Oct. 25 Movie on the Lawn: 'The Dark Knight'

There will be no Movie on the Lawn Oct. 18 because of fall break, but when students return SUB will present "The Dark Knight." Christopher Nolan's sequel to 2005's "Batman Begins" earned rave reviews from critics and shattered box office records, taking in \$158.4 million in its opening weekend alone. The film stars Christian Bale, Heath Ledger, Michael Caine, Gary Oldman, Aaron Eckhart, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Morgan Freeman. "The Dark Knight" will screen at 9 p.m. Oct. 25 in McKinnon Hall.

Greensboro artist 'antithesis of ordinary'

Bryce Little
Reporter

Red paint hits the canvas and smears a brilliant orange as it glides over the deep yellows that already fill the painting. The artist's fingers grasp a small bit of plastic wrap to further maneuver the wet paint across the canvas.

Jill Troutman is the antithesis of ordinary. She is the most talented painter who never dreamed of actually being a painter. This 70-year-old, multiple-hip-replacement recipient, has never missed a beat. Below her fiery red hair and long black eye lashes, there is a personality that would make any mixture of oranges, yellows, purples and blues seem a dull shade of gray.

Accepting change has been a powerful theme in Troutman's life.

She is originally from Newton, Iowa, a town that was home to a little fewer than 1,600 people in 1938.

"If you're not into corn and hogs, there is very little there for you," Troutman said.

Troutman graduated high school in 1956 with scholarships to Iowa colleges in performing arts and speech. She had no inclination to paint, or even knew she could, when she decided to drop her scholarships and move to Denver.

Troutman later moved from Denver to Greensboro, N.C., where she pursued a career

in the salon industry. She did everything from managing a national salon chain to training in beauty schools.

During this time in her life, Troutman wanted more. While she had a good job that kept her somewhat fulfilled, there was a part of her personality that needed a change. She began painting, but it still did not occur to her that she could do it for the rest of her life. Throughout her 30s, her passion for art grew, and by her 45th birthday, she was seriously considering dropping everything and taking up painting.

After multiple conversations with her mentors about what she should do, Troutman finally decided to head to Minnesota. She took a \$1,000 week-long art class and decided for herself whether she had what it took to be a professional artist.

"I had to say to my teacher, 'Do you think I have what it takes to be a successful artist?'" Troutman said. "And the answer to that question was, 'concentrate on your strengths and forget what your weaknesses are.'"

Troutman, since becoming a full-time painter, has created paintings that hang all over the world. She has pieces in Florence, Paris, Seattle and New York. These paintings range from brightly colored floral paintings, which she is most known for, to Japanese geishas painted in cool hues of



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Jill Troutman's paintings hang all over the world, including Florence, Paris, Seattle and New York. Troutman paints everything from floral pieces to Japanese geishas.

green and blue.

While Troutman is now an accomplished painter, she is still scared of not being able to develop as an artist. She continually looks back on old paintings she did when she had no formal education.

These old paintings have recently become an inspiration to Troutman as she tries to mesh old and new techniques for her show coming up at Harrison's Restaurant in Burlington this December.

"I don't want to paint like I did two years ago; I don't want

to paint like I did a year ago," Troutman said. "It's about growing. It's not changing for change's sake. You gotta want to do it."

After three knee replacements and a hip replacement it would be physically easier for Troutman if she didn't wake up at 5:30 a.m. and paint for eight hours each day. Emotionally, she would have a hard time not doing what she loves.

"She has a way when you're with her that you can leap tall buildings in a single

bound," Terri Kirchen, one of Troutman's closest friends, said. "It's like a nice fire in a fireplace on a cold day. You just want to get close to it."

Troutman's engaging personality is also represented in her love of teaching. In 2001, she began teaching adult students and has taught more than 150. She has 56 regular students who she has been teaching for seven years and considers part of her extended family.

Troutman has stopped teaching to focus on her work, but the bond between student and teacher remains strong.

"Those of us who were fortunate enough to be students under Jill have just become very good friends," Lorraine Allen, one of Troutman's former students, said. "Folks came from different walks of life, and all different personalities but we had a very unique bond and I think that was created and precipitated by Jill's teaching style."

Troutman's impact on the people around her is undeniable. She has made an effort in her life to experience new things and not be afraid to change.

"I think that fearlessness, that encouragement to explore, to just be free with what you were doing is not only with art," Allen said. "But I think that carries over into other aspects of life and I think Jill lives her life with that kind of perspective."

How to: Save money on gas

1. Stay up-to-date on car maintenance and tune-ups. Keeping a car tuned according to the owner's manual can increase gas mileage by 4 percent, and changing the oil at recommended intervals protects the engine and improves gas mileage. Motor oil that is labeled "Energy Conserving" by the American Petroleum Institute has also been proven to improve gas mileage.



2. Drive with a light load. An extra 100 pounds of weight in the trunk can reduce fuel economy by 2 percent, so leave anything that's not essential at home.
3. Keep tires properly inflated. Keeping tires inflated below the recommended level reduces gas mileage by 3 percent and can cause premature wear and tear on the tires.



4. Check air filters regularly. Replacing a clogged filter can increase fuel efficiency by 10 percent. Experts recommend changing a filter every 12,000 miles or roughly every six months.
5. Slow down. Driving above 60 mph causes the most significant decrease in gas mileage, as does rapid braking and accelerating. Cruise control can help improve fuel economy as well.

OVERHEARD AT ELON U

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

Junior Nick Massa created "Overheard at Elon U," a Facebook group that highlights ridiculous comments made by Elon students.

The group features daily posts and hosts more than 780 members.

"You know why I think we shouldn't vote for Obama? Because he's got fangs!"

- *overheard by Sarah Baig*

"I'm going to make a list of all the countries I've had sex in ... Is Guatemala in Mexico?"

- *overheard by Quinn Kaemmer*

"Did you read that stuff our professor sent us? I couldn't understand it, but I think I was drunk so maybe that's why."

- *overheard by Jordan McNeill*

Boy: "How do you feel about the Redskins?"

Girl: "I don't like potatoes."

- *overheard by Michelle Serra*

Wahlberg, Ludacris star in video game movie

Alexa Milan
A&E Editor

Just because the upcoming action film "Max Payne" is based on a video game, doesn't mean it will be another "Tomb Raider" or "Hitman" when it hits theaters Oct. 17.

"I was surprised at how elaborate the story was and how cinematic the game itself was," Mark Wahlberg, the film's star, said in a conference call.

Wahlberg said the film's combination of multi-faceted characters, noir-like cinematography and intense action sequences should appeal to both fans of the video game and newcomers to the story.

The film focuses on Drug Enforcement Administration agent Max Payne (Wahlberg) as he seeks to avenge his family's murder. In doing so, he finds himself in a dark underworld where he must face the supernatural in his search for answers.

Back in New York City, Max meets Mona Sax (Mila Kunis), a Russian mobster and assassin who also wants revenge for her sister's murder. They join forces and together evade the police, the mob and a dangerous corporation on their quest for vengeance.

Wahlberg said the physical aspects of his role were not as challenging as they



Mark Wahlberg (left) and Mila Kunis (right) play a Drug Enforcement Administration agent and a Russian mobster and assassin, respectively, who seek revenge for their families' murders.

could have been because he has spent the last two years training for a boxing movie and has had weapons training for past films. But the psychological preparation proved to be more difficult.

"I just had to put myself in that headspace of imagining that something horrific happened to my family, which is not a fun place to go," Wahlberg said. "I had to stay in that space for the course of the 12 weeks of production."

Wahlberg wasn't the only cast member who faced challenges with his character.

Chris "Ludacris" Bridges continues to transition from rapping to acting in his role as Jim Bravura, an internal affairs detective who takes an interest in Max's case.

"I knew the role was written for a 60-year-old white man, and I felt like I was kind of young," Bridges said in the conference call. "So I had to be as mature as possible and make sure I was 100 percent aggressive with that role."

Kunis, who is best known for comedic roles in projects like "That 70s Show" and

"Forgetting Sarah Marshall" said the most challenging part of her character was learning how to handle a gun. But she didn't take on the more dramatic role of Mona to get away from comedy.

"It's as calculated as anything is," Kunis said in the conference call. "It's one of those things where you get the opportunity to do a movie like this and you jump at the chance. It was different. It was challenging."

Bridges' choice to take on such a different role was a more conscious decision

because he likes the acting jobs he takes to contrast with his music persona.

"Ludacris is a character all within itself," Bridges said. "When I'm acting, I don't want anyone to think that I am Ludacris."

All three actors credit director John Moore with bringing out the best in them and taking an innovative approach to the action genre. "Max Payne" features very little computer-generated imagery except for the supernatural elements and an explosion sequence, and Moore used new technology to shoot the film's slow motion bullet time sequences.

"We didn't use any wires or anything," Wahlberg said. "We used a new 1,000 frames per second camera, and I actually was just jumping off a bunch of apple boxes and landing on my face."

Though none of the actors were fans of the game before signing on to "Max Payne," they all played it to prepare for the film and were impressed by how elaborate it was stylistically compared to other games they have played.

"I didn't get a chance to play it a lot, but from what I did, that's why it was so exciting and surreal to be in the movie," Bridges said.

Wahlberg can next be seen in 2009's "The Lovely Bones," Kunis in 2009's "Extract" and Bridges in this month's "RocknRolla."

THEATRE REVIEW ★★★★★

'Pavilion' explores relationships

Bonnie Efird
Reviewer

With soft 1980s hits playing in the background, Craig Wright's "The Pavilion" explores the complexity of time and its effect on relationships. The play begins with the narrator, who sets the vast backdrop of the universe, speaking almost poetically. The intention is to define the world in which two lovers, very different in nature, are both bound by time.

High school sweethearts Kari (Danielle Martin) and Peter (Jeff Ostermueller) meet again at their 20th high school reunion only to find they are still in love, one deniably and one admittedly.

The reunion takes place in an old wooden pavilion, or dance hall, in Pine City, Minn., where the memories are too much for Kari to bear. She remains broken-hearted from being stranded and impregnated by Peter 20 years earlier. Kari's disgust for Peter illustrates her constant pain, as she is almost unable to speak to Peter or even look him in the eye for the entire first act.

Just as the tension peaks, comic relief breaks the awkwardness as the other members of the class of 1988 burst onto the scene. As caricatures of the stereotypical high school students, the other characters act as buffers between Kari and Peter, each offering unsolicited advice and wisecracks through double meanings in their humor.



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

One of the most memorable scenes of the first act includes a hilarious dance scene in which Kari and her old friend, clad in a leather vest with bad 80s hair, thrust their bodies to the now louder 80s music. Their dialogue becomes part of the background, as the dancing is enough to entice at least a small giggle or a gut-busting guffaw from audience members.

As the first act unfolds, the question becomes, "Will Kari forgive Peter, and will they finally reunite?" By intermission, things do not look good for Peter, who, according to Kari, doesn't measure up to her husband, Hans, a golf enthusiast who loves the game more than his wife.

But the second act slows down a bit as the two ex-lovers sit to talk about time and what has passed, but more specifically what they have missed in each other's lives. It is at this point that the play becomes more pensive and less outrageously

funny than the first act.

The fourth wall between the audience and the actors is broken within the second act as Peter asks the audience for help in starting the universe over so that he can change his past actions, creating an entirely different feel.

Throughout the entire show, the acting is extremely impressive, as the actors are able to capture their characters as the audience follows them through the depths of their emotions.

Although the set is extremely simple, it works. All that is needed to bring the audience into the moment is the disco ball and the whiny 80s music. Not only is the staging innovative, but it is perfect in the black box space, which provides an intimate environment.

Each and every actor in the production help bring this soon-to-be classic alive, and all do great justice to Craig Wright's wonderful piece of work.

Marketing to the Bubble

Whether to Widget

Marketers and advertisers are constantly trying to gain young adults' attention using new technology and innovative ideas. This column will discuss campaign strategies and tactics, and why college students should care.

Colleen Callahan
Columnist

Widget: it's a funny name and no, it's not the furry star of "Gremlins." Rather, it's a way to personalize your own social network. It's a downloadable code and feature that can be placed on personal sites such as MySpace, Facebook, blogs and more. It differs from applications because users typically don't have an input in what goes on the widget, and it updates itself from the distributor.

Logistics out of the way, online marketers are all about widgets these days. Widgets are made for movies, TV, books and clothing lines, among others, to give you, and anyone who looks at your page, an update on a product. A popular widget, for example, came out with the "Sex and the City" movie. Fans could download a widget that counted down the days until the movie's release.

While marketing news may discuss the latest widgets, it is questionable whether college students and young adults, a primary social networking public, actually use them. After taking an informal cluster sampling of 100 Facebook friends with recently updated profiles, none of them had a widget.

The upcoming film "Twilight" has a lengthy process for downloading its widget. Users have to fill out their full name, college, birthday, e-mail and graduation date while also having to download another Facebook application. After reading the terms of service, it mentions it is not even approved by Facebook and widget creators have complete access to profiles.

While the widget is a useful tool for updates on a favorite brand, its distribution strategies need to be improved. Companies should allow easy access to increase popularity. Widgets should be installed among other searchable applications rather than waiting for people to search a product and randomly find it. The downloading process should also be simple and private.

The widget's challenges show how people now use the Internet as a one-stop shop. Internet users are not surfing for lengthy amounts of time. Instead, people network with each other online while simultaneously learning about products through word-of-mouth, or rather, computer. Internet networking is slowly replacing Internet surfing, because friends usually serve as the primary source of trying something new.

SGA president Rumley wins over student body

Daniel Temple
Reporter

Americans are standing on the forefront of a new era with Election Day less than a month away. We are waiting for our next leader, the next president of the United States.

But students at Elon University already know their president: Gregory Rumley, or "Chase," as he's commonly known around campus.

Rumley, a senior political science major from Greensboro, N.C., currently holds the position of executive president of the Student Government Association.

When fellow students are asked to describe Rumley, they use words that are not always associated with people in political positions: approachable, genuine, honest and trustworthy. It seems Rumley not only has the attributes of a great president, but a great person.

Senior Lindsay Boroush serves as the executive vice president for SGA. She works as many as 10 hours a week with Rumley. She says his strengths are his passion and concern for his fellow students.

"The great thing about Chase is that he genuinely cares for the people around him," Boroush said. "He would just love to make everybody happy."

Boroush, who has been involved in SGA since her

sophomore year, said when former president Michael Bumbry graduated, filling the position wasn't easy.

"Michael left some pretty big shoes to fill," she said. "But Chase really came into his own. He's accomplished a whole lot."

Boroush isn't the only one impressed with Rumley's work. The adviser to the executive council, Jana Lynn Patterson, has worked directly with the council for about six years, but her overall experience with SGA totals around 22 years.

In that time, she has seen a number of presidents, each one unique and special. So where does Rumley rank in terms of past presidents?

"He's definitely in the top three," Patterson said.

Patterson, who meets with the council daily, said Chase dedicates himself to representing the student body, goes "above and beyond" what is asked of him and is never afraid to ask good questions.

"He just loves people and he is so responsive to them," she said.

Rumley said he believes his greatest strength is probably his ability to communicate with students.

The school workload for a senior can be pretty demanding, but with the responsibilities of executive president, things can be downright hectic. With his numerous obligations, it is

quite the compliment for Patterson to call Rumley one of the most visible presidents she has ever seen.

"Really, the only problem that Chase has is that he sometimes just can't say no," said Patterson. "He just can't stand the conflict."

"I'm starting to learn that some conflict is actually necessary," Rumley said. "Conflict challenges us and helps us grow."

In order to be eligible to run for president, Rumley had to obtain 400 student signatures, 100 from each class at Elon. This take might intimidate a lot of students, and even more would be intimidated at the thought of dedicating 20 hours a week to SGA-related duties.

"That's just the minimum," Rumley said. "It can actually go higher than that."

What many people don't know is that Rumley actually lost when he ran for office his freshman year. Undaunted, he ran again his sophomore year, this time emerging victorious. He became secretary of the executive council his junior year, and a year later was named president.

"For the president position, I actually ran uncontested, which is both a good and bad thing," Rumley said. "It's nice because you want to win, but you also want to give students a choice and really earn their trust."

Rumley also served as



JESSICA DEXHEIMER | Photographer

Senior Chase Rumley was elected SGA president in the spring of 2008. He spends between 10 and 20 hours a week in his office, Moseley 221.

student body president when he was a senior at Northwest Guilford High School in Greensboro.

Rumley hopes to eventually attend graduate school in either North Carolina or Georgia, but a political career is not in his immediate future. He has applied for Teach for America, an organization that takes recent college

graduates and places them in needy urban and rural public schools.

Many students are unsure whom they will vote for in the upcoming presidential election. But if there is ever a "Gregory C. Rumley" on that ballot, it's a sure bet that he already has the support of the Elon student body.

Into Africa: history professor lends a helping hand in Ghana

Maria Victoria Langman

Reporter

Dr. Brian Digre is more than an ordinary professor. He's also an author, a global traveler and a chieftain of a West African village. How did this fair-skinned, American-born history professor achieve such a distinguished honor? He says it was made possible through a long-term dedication to the African people as well as the generosity of Elon students.

As a young college graduate in 1970, Digre volunteered for the Peace Corps and was assigned to be a teacher in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where he lived for two years. He said his experience was so moving that he has since dedicated himself to helping the African people.

Digre came to Elon University as a history professor in 1990 and created the Ghana Winter Term program eight years later. The program was Elon's first African study abroad destination and Digre has been leading the trip ever since.

"The experience of going to Ghana during the winter term is a very valuable experience for Elon students,"



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History professor Brian Digre was named honorary development chief of Sokode, a village in Ghana. Togbe Kwaku III, the ruling chief of the village, gave Digre the honor after many years of his service to the village's people.

Digre said. "It's a place with a rich cultural background."

During these trips, Digre has taken students to Cape Coast, the main base for the historic Atlantic Slave-Trade. Digre said the beauty of the castles and forts are a direct contradiction of the area's tumultuous history and are an eye-opening experience for many students. Students also visit the homes of local Ghanaian families

and participate in cultural events like watching the African Confederation Cup soccer game.

Students also visit the Mole Game Park. There, a soccer match is organized between the students and the young villagers. One year, an elephant joined in the soccer match.

"It was a very entertaining experience, [watching] an elephant

trying to play soccer!" Digre said.

Every year, the students going on the Ghana program bring donations of money, books and computers. Digre has also recently become involved with the Heifer International program, an organization that helps developing countries like Ghana to improve the lifestyles of their people. The program raises money to help build schools, conduct research and purchase things like honeybees and cows that are crucial to the region's economy.

In 2004, Digre took a sabbatical and devoted his time to help with the elections in Ghana. He was a senior research fellow for the Center for Democratic Development and trained other young volunteers. Digre was pleased to be able to help the country with such a momentous occasion, and said that the outcome of the election represents an interesting balance of cultures. Currently, the nation's president is Christian and the vice-president is Muslim.

All of Digre's hard work was recognized when he was made honorary chieftain of the Sokode village. The Winter Term program has been going to the rural village for six or seven years, and one year, the ruling chief, Togbe Kwaku III, surprised Digre with the honor. Digre is currently

Student Advantage Discount Card offers opportunities to save

Sam Rinderman
Reporter

College students across the country are saving up to 50 percent off at thousands of retail and travel locations. How? Through the Student Advantage discount card. It offers high school and college students discounts on travel, entertainment and apparel.

Students can subscribe for a discount card for \$20 per year, or purchase a subscription plan for \$30 for 2 years, \$40 for 3 years and

\$50 dollars for 4 years. The company promises that if students don't save money within 30 days, they will receive a full refund.

With the card, students can receive discounts at a wide variety of retailers such as Dick's Sporting Goods, Target, Pearle Vision and Orbitz.com.

Travel costs continue to be an important savings point among college students as they travel home and to vacation destinations during winter and spring break. The

Student Advantage discount card has proven worth it for Elon freshman Yale Haymond.

"I have saved a lot of money by using the discount card [but] it is only worth getting if you can remember to use it a lot," Haymond said. "I can just renew my subscription at the end of the year for about \$20, and I save a lot of money when I have to travel home."

With discounts as little as 10 percent off, some students don't believe the card is worth the enrollment fee.

"It seems like with the amount you have to pay, you might end up losing money if you don't use it that much," sophomore Mike Moore said, who hasn't bought the card despite its advertised perks. "It'd only be worth it if you used it enough to cover the start-up costs."

While some students find that the benefits don't quite add up, others find that the money saved via the Student Advantage discount card is well worth the start-up fee.

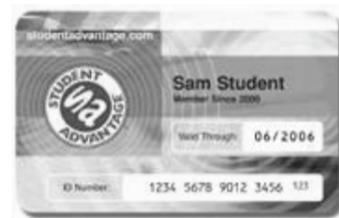


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Elon hosts first club baseball tournament, capture win



RYAN SWAZEY | Photographer

Junior Kevin Monahan helped drive in runs for the Phoenix, propelling it to four wins and one loss in its own tournament.

Andie Diemer
News Editor

While Friday denoted the kick off of Elon's first club baseball tournament, Sunday marked Elon's capture of the Fall Baseball Classic.

For the past few months, Tim Graham, senior and club baseball secretary, has been in contact with several schools around the North Carolina area to develop a sense of how many teams would be interested in participating in a tournament.

"It's been a couple years since we've been involved in a tournament but there's a good number of tournaments out there," Graham said. "I think now that we've hosted one of our own, the club sports may be more willing for us to travel somewhere, but we generally schedule series at home or close by."

After generating interest and confirmation from multiple collegiate club baseball teams, he was able to set up a tournament at the Tom Zachary baseball field in Graham.

"We treat our fall season as a time to look at all the new guys because we can only set a travel roster of 32 in the spring," Graham said.

The 10-game round-robin tournament, which lasted from Friday through Sunday, drew in George Washington University, Radford University, Towson University and Virginia Commonwealth University.

Each team played four games. There were two on Friday, five on Saturday and three on Sunday. The Elon club team did not play any of its games until Saturday afternoon.

"It was good because when you get four games like that, you get an opportunity to work those guys in and see what they've got, but still be able to have some of your starters in," Graham said.

The Phoenix went 3-1, good enough to win its own tournament. The team bounced back from losing its first



RYAN SWAZEY | Photographer

Sophomore Austin Mintz, freshman Aaron Moger, senior Vince Benedetti and junior Kevin Dudiak all played in Elon's club baseball team's first home tournament this past weekend at the Tom Zachary field in Graham. The team won four games to grab the tournament crown.

game to VCU 3-2, to win the second against GWU on Saturday 6-2. On Sunday, Elon's freshman pitcher Nick Livengood took a perfect game into the 6th inning against Towson. The game ended early in the 7th inning with a 13-3 score because of the mercy rule.

The last game of the tournament pitted the 2-1 Phoenix against the 3-0 Highlanders and was the last factor in deciding the tournament champions. Elon won the game 7-5, coming back from a deficit to take the game and the championship.

Although the team's records

were identical after the final game, the tiebreaker was head-to-head competition so Elon clinched the tournament crown.

"Every team said they would come back if we did it next year. A couple of the teams had some fans and they were asking how long we had been hosting the tournament," Graham said. "They had been to other club tournaments and said ours was put together really well."

Michelle Longo also contributed to this article.

Club baseball scores:

- Elon vs. VCU: L, 3-2
- Elon vs. GWU: W, 6-2
- Elon vs. TU: W, 13-3
- Elon vs. RU: W, 7-5

Overall record: 4-1

Overall place: first-place finish

NBA champions: Rockets or Lakers?

Drew Smith and Russell Varner
Sports Commentators

NBA Preview

Drew: The Rockets made the biggest splash in the offseason by trading for Ron Artest. Ron Artest on Houston gives them the type of "big three" the Celtics had last year. A defense comprised of Artest, Yao Ming and Shane Battier can stack up with any offense and a healthy McGrady is still capable of carrying an offense. The Houston Rockets are your 2009 NBA Champions.

Russell: I wouldn't put my money on them. McGrady has yet to win a playoff series and both he and Ming are injury prone. I think a healthy Andrew Bynum will make all the difference for the Lakers this year. If Bynum had played in the finals last year, that series would have looked much different. It's the Lakers' year.

Drew: The Lakers are certainly a better team with Bynum on the floor, but he and Gasol don't strike fear into the opponents. They are two seven-footers who have completely different games, and the two styles don't mesh together, let alone with Kobe Bryant.

Russell: Give them an entire season to mesh together and they will be fine. Bryant did a great job last year with that team and if Bynum gets back to the level he was playing at last year, it'll be very hard to beat them.

MVP

Drew: The NBA seems to crown their MVPs by concentrating on stats instead of value to the team, so how did LeBron James finish fourth in the voting last year when he averaged 30 points, eight rebounds



and just over seven assists a game? Without James, the Cavs are deciding between Derrick Rose and Michael Beasley in June, instead of pushing the Celtics to seven games.

Russell: That sounds just like Bryant before this past year. He was always the best player on a team that wasn't very good. I do agree that the NBA awards the MVP based on wins and stats more than value to a team. That's why it'll come down to Bryant and Chris Paul again and it will go to Paul this year like it should have last year.

Drew: Paul is a good candidate this year, but I don't think he'll be able to duplicate last year's numbers. David West and Tyson Chandler will carry more of the load. As for Bryant, he has Gasol and Bynum to spread the ball to. Of course, Bryant will get his shots, but if he wants another ring, he'll need to distribute a little bit more than last year.

Russell: Paul is what makes the Hornets go, just as James carries the Cavs. Paul means just as much to his team as James does to his. When the Hornets are looking strong at the end of the season and the Cavs limp into the playoffs, the voters will look at Paul and give him the prestigious award.



MICHAEL FELDMAN | Videographer

The then-No. 6 Elon Phoenix defeated Southern Conference foe No. 21 The Citadel Saturday afternoon 27-23 at Johnson Hagood Stadium. The win gave the Phoenix an unprecedented 4-0 start in the SoCon and its first ever win at The Citadel's stadium. Quarterback Scott Riddle completed 18 of his 32 passes with one interception for 237 aerial yards. Terrell Hudgins racked up 130 yards on five catches with one touchdown. Recent running star Brandon Newsome tallied 134 yards on the ground attack, totaling 424 total yards of offense for the Phoenix. Coming off the victory, the Phoenix jumped from No. 6 to No. 3 in The Sports Network Poll. It is the team's highest ranking ever and first top-five appearance. The win against The Citadel also marks Elon's longest winning streak in 22 years at six consecutive victories and places Elon in first place in the SoCon standings.

Early goal gives Phoenix the edge to shut out Cougars

Parker Brown
Reporter

About 500 fans came out to Rudd Field Saturday night to watch the Elon Phoenix men's soccer team take on the College of Charleston. They had barely taken their seats when the Phoenix first struck the one and only goal in an Elon shutout victory.

Elon's Steven Kinney sent a long ball to Erfan Imeni who one-touched a pass across the box to Justin Wyatt, who then buried it in the back of the net for a quick 1-0 lead. The goal, which came just 39 seconds into the game, gave the junior midfielder his team-leading seventh goal of the season.

After the quick start, the Phoenix kept the pressure up but was unable to add to its lead. The one goal proved to be enough. The Elon defense was stellar, holding the Cougars scoreless.

Senior goalkeeper Kyle Boerner had to make just one save thanks to the team's strong defense.

"The 10 in front of me, I just couldn't ask for more, they are doing so much and making my job easier," Boerner said. "[We] held our composure and managed the game very well."

The win keeps Elon (5-7-1, 4-0-0 league) in first-place in the Southern Conference, while College of Charleston (7-5-0, 1-2-0 SoCon) fell to the middle of the pack as both teams prepare for the final stretch of the season.

A tough non-conference slate took its toll on the win/loss column for the Phoenix, but head coach Darren Powell credits those tough games with preparing the team for the always-competitive SoCon season.

"Our philosophy is to challenge the players [in the non-conference]," Powell

said. "There were four teams in the top-30 when we played them ... hard games are going to prep are you. I don't look at the record, I always look at the team's performance, and I feel that this team has been fairly consistent all year."

Those tough non-conference tests are paying off in the SoCon, as the Phoenix has started 4-0 in conference play.

Now the Phoenix prepares for a critical stretch that could determine its postseason destiny.

Elon faces conference foe Davidson tonight, then steps out of the conference to host Duke at Rhodes Stadium on Oct. 21. Elon will finish the season with two matches against tough SoCon opponents UNC Greensboro and Furman University before ending the regular season by hosting non-conference opponent Radford at Rudd Field on Nov. 1.

But for Powell the only game on the upcoming schedule is tonight's contest against Davidson.

"Whatever happens after tonight will happen," Powell said. "You really have to focus one game at a time."

Elon will look to continue its winning ways as the team travels to Davidson tonight to take on the Wildcats (2-9-1, 1-2-0 SoCon). Davidson comes into tonight's match on a two game slide after recent losses to conference rivals College of Charleston and Furman, and will

be hungry for a victory against the Phoenix.

"Being on the road gives you a little extra spice and makes it a bit more difficult, so we've just got to be ready to play [tonight]," Powell said.

Boerner knows the players are focused and ready to go for the final part of the season.

"Conference games kind of have a different level to them than out-of-conference games just because you know what's at stake and you know that's really what your season is all about: winning the regular season," he said. "I really think our focus and our concentration on and off the field is going to prepare us so that we can go to Davidson [and get the win]."



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor
Captain Justin Wyatt scored the single goal in Saturday's match against College of Charleston.



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

Sophomore Brad Franks fakes out a College of Charleston player on his way down field.

Women's soccer team kicks up defense in weekend split

Samantha Calvert
Reporter

The women's soccer team had a busy schedule this past weekend, with both a home game against Appalachian State and one on the road against Western Carolina.

It secured an exciting 3-2 victory against the Mountaineers on Friday, but could not do the same with the Catamounts losing 2-1 in overtime Sunday.

On Friday, the team was led by junior Molly Calpin and senior Susannah Gianakos. Gianakos had one goal and assisted Calpin in two other goals. Junior keeper Sydney Little also assisted the effort with two saves to secure a Phoenix win.

The duo of Calpin and Gianakos struck again. Gianakos scored the only goal with an assist by Calpin, but it was not enough to match the Catamounts' two goals.

Gianakos recorded two more goals this weekend to bring her season total to four. Calpin leads the team with five goals, three assists and 13 points.

"I think we found the home floor on the field," assistant coach Stuart Horne said. "The environment and the atmosphere is so much better and everyone seems to be enjoying themselves. That translates into a lot of how the kids are playing, even players who did not see a lot of time last year. It is the overall environment."

Elon currently sits in seventh in the conference standings, with a record of 2-3-1 in league games and 6-5-2 overall.

The team has five games left in the 2008 campaign, two away and three at home. The contests are all league games, making them that much more important as the Southern Conference Tournament rapidly approaches.

The next five games will help determine how the tournament will be set up, which teams are seeded where and ultimately how the tournament events will unfold.

"We are emphasizing it, but we're not

at the same time," Horne said. "We are all aware of what is going on so it is not something we keep preaching every game. The main goal is to get better every game and see what we did last week and how we can get better."

The team's next game is on Oct. 17 at Furman, whose conference record is 2-3. Only two days later, it heads to Wofford to play the 1-3-1 Terriers.

Both games will allow Elon to gain momentum before coming home to play its last three games before the postseason. It will also give the Phoenix a chance to redeem itself on the road, with a present away record of 0-3.

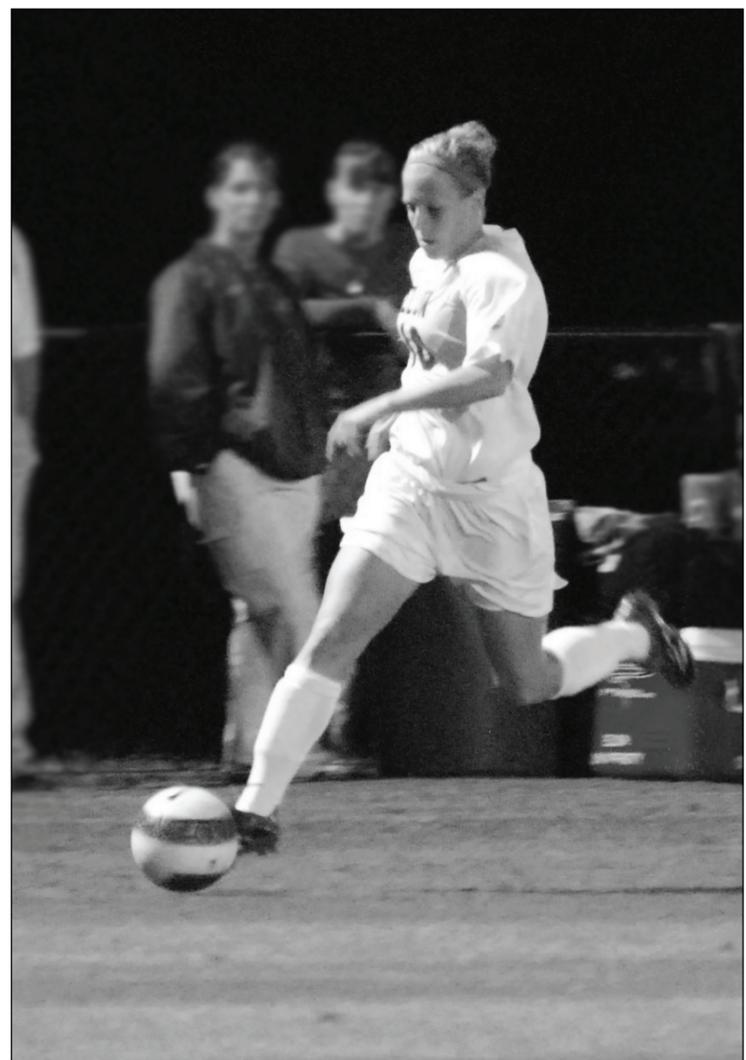
Elon will then play Davidson College, Georgia Southern University and UNC Greensboro, all at home in seven days. Both UNCG (4-0-1) and Davidson (4-1) are ahead of Elon in the standings, at one and two respectively.

As the Southern Conference tournament draws near, the games become increasingly more important. Only the top eight teams participate in the tournament, and Elon, in seventh place, needs strong performances the rest of the year to secure a spot.

If Elon can move up three spots to sit at No. 4, it will be able to play its first round game at home, a huge advantage, especially for a team whose home record is 2-0-1.

Going in seeded seventh or eighth means the team would have to play Davidson or UNCG, as the conference stands now. Last season, the undefeated UNCG Spartans knocked the eighth-seeded Phoenix out of the postseason in first-round play.

"We are taking it one game at a time," Horne said. "The way the SoCon is playing, we have had some crazy results already. We can win a game on Friday and jump up in the standings and then go back down the next day. We just don't know. We just go into each game and try to win. It's all we can do."



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor
Junior Molly Calpin scored two goals in the match against the Appalachian State Mountaineers. She was assisted on both goals by senior Susannah Gianakos.

Basketball stars set to hit hardwood soon

Men's team looks to make flashy entrance after SoCon tournament run

Michelle Longo
Sports Editor

The weather is getting colder, the leaves are changing colors and the sunshine is fading. That can mean only one thing — the start of the college basketball season.

The Elon men's and women's basketball teams recently finalized their 2008-2009 schedules.

The men are slated for 29 regular season games, three against teams that played in the 2008 NCAA Tournament, including Southern Conference and Elite Eight foe Davidson College.

The women's schedule features 14 home games, 20 conference games and five contests against teams that played in the 2008 postseason.

Regular season tip-off begins Nov. 15 as Ernie Nestor's squad travels to Big East opponent West Virginia University.

Two games later, Elon will again hit the road to face Virginia Tech, one of its two Atlantic Coast Conference match-ups.

"Those kind of games are great challenges," Nestor said. "They tend to get fans excited because they are more visible. All games are for the purpose of preparing for the conference schedule and tournament. We try to use those teams to see how well we can compete against top teams from top conferences in the country."

Southern Conference play begins Dec. 4 when Elon welcomes the College of Charleston to Alumni Gym.

That starts a four-game home stand before Elon travels to ACC territory once again to vie with the University of Maryland.

The heart of the SoCon schedule begins on Jan. 8 against Appalachian State. From then to the end of the season, Elon will



FILE PHOTO
The men's basketball team will play Davidson College again this season, along with three other teams that played in the 2008 NCAA Tournament.

battle only SoCon teams with the exception of the third consecutive ESPN's BracketBusters game.

On Jan. 14, the Phoenix will travel to Davidson to face the Wildcats.

Last season, the Wildcats put a stop to Elon's magical run through the SoCon Tournament in the championship game.

Davidson went on to make it all the way to the Elite Eight in the NCAA Tournament. Alumni Gym will host the Wildcats again on Feb. 3 to end the 2008-2009 regular season.

"The [tournament] run was significant to a point but now we have to strive harder to get beyond it," Nestor said. "We were playing that kind of basketball in March, not November, so we need to get ourselves up to speed."

The men's team is suffering from the loss of guards Montell Watson and Brian Waters to graduation last year. With both players

serving as co-captains, the Phoenix loses leadership and its entire backcourt.

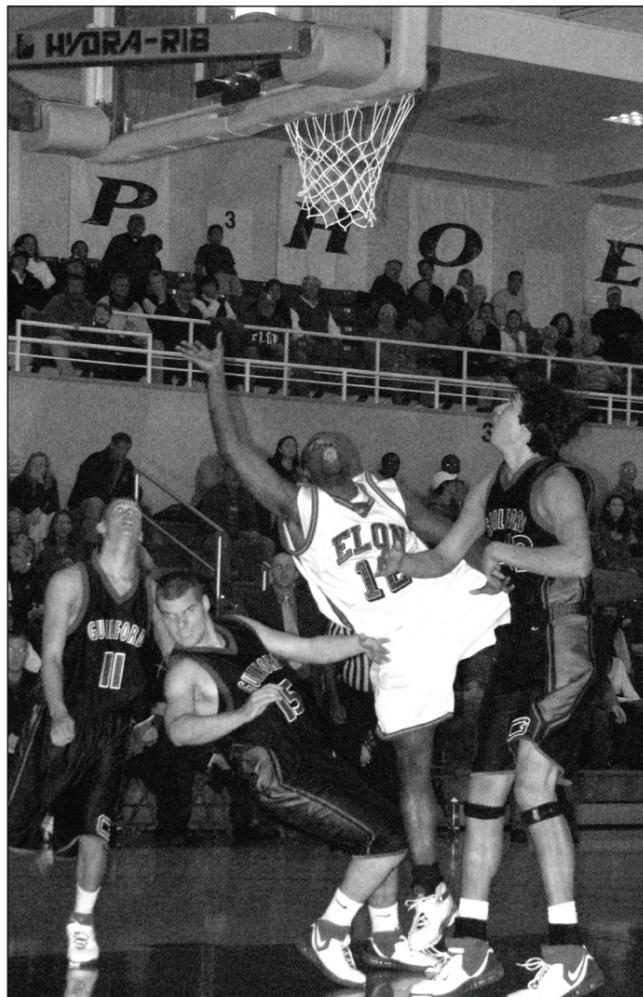
Watson was most effective as the point guard, the play-maker for Elon, always finding open spots and feeding the ball to his teammates.

Waters was recognized as the best Elon defender, as well as one of the best defenders in the SoCon last season.

"We have to replace those qualities, understanding we cannot replace the people," Nestor said. "Guys come in and have to find themselves as players, but then again we need to develop something to give us defense on the perimeter and scoring."

To off-set the loss, Nestor signed two guards to the incoming class, Josh Bonney and Drew Spradlin.

Bonney, from Houston, led the city in assists with 9.3 per game. His senior year of high school, he shot 91 percent from the free-throw line and averaged 21.3 points



FILE PHOTO
The men's basketball season kicks off Nov. 15, when the team travels to West Virginia University. Two games later, Elon will play Virginia Tech.

per game. Spradlin averaged 16.5 points per game and 5.8 rebounds his last year in high school.

"As we lost two senior guards, we signed two freshmen guards," Nestor said. "That was not an accident. They are going through the experience of assimilating to college and college ball and how fast they do that will determine how much they can contribute this season."

In addition to the newcomers, sophomore guard Chris Long began to see a lot of time toward the end of the season, especially during the team's tournament run. Brett James also returns to the team as a senior.

The latest addition to the team is Wes Miller, the new Phoenix assistant coach. Miller enjoyed a successful college career playing for the UNC Tar Heels before playing professionally in London.

Women's season kicks off with cancer awareness tournament

Michelle Longo
Sports Editor

The women kick off the regular season when they host the ISES Cancer Awareness Tipoff Tournament. During the two-day tournament, Elon will welcome Longwood University, UNC Wilmington and Winston-Salem State to Alumni Gym.

"The tournament is a tribute to Elon's former assistant coach who passed of cancer," head coach Karen Barefoot said. "It is not just an emotional thing, it is exciting because we want to start off the season with energy and an appreciation of life and the game. It is good to start at home, it is the most important thing to us — to take care of our home."

Following the tournament, Elon will travel to face its first and only ACC opponent of the season, N.C. State University, in a 7 p.m. contest on Nov. 18. SoCon play begins on Dec. 2 at Alumni Gym when the Phoenix welcomes UNC Greensboro. That starts a three-game SoCon homestand for Elon, which includes games against Georgia Southern and College of Charleston.

Elon travels to Chattanooga on Dec. 17 to

take on the defending SoCon Tournament Champions and NCAA Tournament participants.

After the long break, the Phoenix springs back into action. It faces Western Carolina University on Jan. 19. Last season, the women lost at home to Western in four overtimes and the longest regular season game in SoCon history. Then, in the semifinals of the conference tournament, Western again downed Elon to end its championship dreams.

The rest of the season finishes up with all conference games, ending at UNC Greensboro on Feb. 27.

The women's team from last season looks much different than the team that will be taking the court soon. Elon only has six veteran players returning with the addition of four freshmen and two walk-ons.

The biggest loss for the Phoenix is Elon's Female Athlete of the Year, Tierra Bumbrey. Point guard and leader of the team, Bumbrey was the scoring leader last season.

"[Bumbrey] did it all," Barefoot said. "I am trying to help the team understand it is not just one person that can

do it. In our offense, we have multiple scorers and we are a defensive team."

Former nine-year head coach Brenda Paul retired immediately following the 2008 postseason loss to Western Carolina. Her replacement, Barefoot, will take on her first head coaching position, after spending three years as an assistant at Old Dominion University.

"I am excited about instilling a winning attitude," Barefoot said. "Every possession is a learning possession, we are learning from one another, and rebuilding the program."

Barefoot brought with her another assistant coach from Old Dominion and added Bill Broderick and Rachel Stockdale to the staff as well.

The women officially begin practice for the 2008-2009 campaign Friday, Oct. 17.

"We are inexperienced and young," Barefoot said. "There are no high expectations and we are just trying to build a program. It is actually a good situation to be the underdog, no one is talking about you. We are going to try to out-work our opponents. That is the kind of work ethic we have."



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The women's basketball team faces its first and only ACC opponent of the season, N.C. State University, at 7 p.m. on Nov. 18.

88% of Elon students who drink use a designated driver.

FALL BREAK	
Hit the road	5
Forget about classes	22
Forget about papers	76
Forget about projects	103



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Sports

Tennis teams slam tournament victories

Four men's tennis members earn undefeated weekend records

Stephen Lorenzo
Reporter

The Elon men's tennis team wrapped up the fall season and the 2008 Elon Invitational in much the same way it has been all along—in the winner's circle.

On Friday and Saturday, Elon hosted its own tournament to finish out the five-tournament fall season. The Phoenix finished the weekend with 44 team wins and just nine losses. Senior standout Damon Gooch finished the singles portion with 27 points, good enough for the singles tournament crown. The tournament featured six teams, as Elon played host to Campbell University, Longwood University, USC Upstate, Shaw University and Southern Conference foe UNC Greensboro.

"Fall season play is tournament format," head coach Michael Leonard said. "There are a lot of matches so the players get many chances to play. I get to see what they did in the off-season and how they came back prepared over the summer."

Philip Nemeč finished with 21 points in third place, while Chase Helpingstine finished just behind his teammate with 20 total points and the fourth place spot. Elon players grabbed three of the top five spots in the singles portion of the tournament.

"We're all coming together," Nemeč said. "No one is flat, we're all fired up and we are a step ahead of everyone."

Nemeč and Helpingstine credit much of the team's success to everyone's hard work before the season. The team arrived at school a month early to train and play in several tournaments.

Gooch and Nemeč continued their success in the doubles portion, earning 15 points to become the tournament champions.



Senior captain Damon Gooch powered his way to being crowned singles champion of Elon's fall tournament this weekend with 27 total points. Gooch accumulated a record of six wins and zero losses.

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Helpingstine and Alberto Rojas tallied 12 points to finish as doubles finalists. Four Elon players earned undefeated records this past weekend, each going 6-0 in the tournament. Gooch, Nemeč, Helpingstine and Alex Crockford all grace the list.

Elon got off to a quick start in the tournament, winning 13 of its first 15 matches on its home court. Gooch either held or was tied for the singles lead from the beginning of play, as was the duo of himself and Nemeč in the doubles category. Once they climbed

the standings, they never looked down.

"Freshman Alex Crockford, Nemeč and Helpingstine played the best," Leonard said. "They have really improved the most and it was good to see them prepare and play well."

Elon Singles Results

Damon Gooch	6-0
Philip Nemeč	6-0
Chase Helpingstine	6-0
Alex Crockford	6-0
Alberto Rojas	5-1
Carlin Murray	4-1
Cody Stauffer-MacDowell	4-2
Chris Spalding	4-2
Clark Howell	3-3

En route to a 6-2, 6-4 singles victory, Helpingstine smashed an overhand hit to close the match and the set. Leonard described it as "the shot of the year."

"I guess I got lucky," Helpingstine said. "[The opponent] should have put it away but I was able to stick with it."

This fall, Elon has participated in the UNC Wilmington Invitational, the University of Virginia Invitational, the UNC Tournament and the Ranked Plus One Tournament.

The Elon Invitational marks the last before the International Tennis Association Tournament.

The tournament takes place Oct. 16-21. It features players from all over the country, in every league, going at it in head-to-head competition. About six or seven players will be invited to the tournament.

"The tournament features high-level caliber teams," Leonard said. "There are teams from the Atlantic Coast Conference and the South Eastern Conference. The caliber of play will be strong and we will be able to see where we are from the finished fall season compared to where we started."

Leonard said Gooch and Oscar Podlewski are almost definitely going to be invited to play. Helpingstine, Rojas, Nemeč and Carlin Murray are also more than likely to be invited.

Old and new players come together to dominate tournament

Pam Richter
Reporter

On Saturday, freshman Elisa Simonetti posted her first big win as a member of the Elon Phoenix women's tennis team. She finished first in the annual fall Elon Invitational this past weekend. Simonetti was joined by teammate Anna Milian, who clinched second place.

Simonetti finished the tournament with an unblemished 3-0 singles record, a doubles win and a score of 19 points. Milian finished with 16 points, the same as USC Upstate's Anna Novo. Because Milian defeated Novo in a head-to-head matchup earlier in the tournament, she grabbed sole possession of second place. Junior Paige Kensrue also posted a strong showing for Elon, finishing fourth overall.

"I have been working really hard in practice so I felt

prepared when I stepped on the court," Milian said. "Once I was on the court the key was to keep focused and to set the point up and have a strategy so that I know what to do in each moment I encounter."

The Phoenix has five new players this season, including four true freshmen and a sophomore from UNC Wilmington. Deanna Bailey, one of Elon's most competitive players, left at the end of last season for Marshall University.

"I am most excited about the cohesion of the team," head coach Elizabeth Anderson said. "The team bonded together nicely and very quickly. They play with enthusiasm and have a lot of fun together. They all enjoy the competition, so of course they play better."

Simonetti is a freshman in terms of her academic standing at Elon, but not in her tennis experience. Before coming to Elon

from Italy, she competed in many International Tennis Federation tournaments. She has been ranked as high as No. 90 in the European Tennis Association Rankings. In 2005, she was a member of the Italian National Team in the European Championships.

"[Simonetti] fought really hard [in the tournament]," Anderson said. "She has won a lot of matches this fall and stepped up right off the bat. The adjustment has been very quick for her."

The Elon Invitational marked the third tournament for the Phoenix in its fall season. The team started the season off with the UNC Wilmington Invitational. Daleen Kloppers and Simonetti led all Phoenix matches, capturing the doubles consolation.

In the next tournament, the Phoenix was led by strong singles performances at the William and Mary Invitational.

Simonetti, Sally Wilkey, Whitney Butcher and Lauren Sessom all posted wins in singles action.

"We are pushing harder this year in terms of practicing," Anderson said. "Our fall schedule is tougher but we are seeing a lot of results from doing that. The William and Mary Tournament featured the No. 1 player in the country, and we played well."

The team concludes its fall season with the International Tennis Association Regional Tournament in Winston-Salem and the Cary Tennis Center Doubles tournament. This week, the team will find out who has been invited to the ITA Tournament. Players are picked for their performances throughout the fall season.

"The top players have a great shot getting into the tournament," Anderson said. "They each have some really good matches they can pull

from and it is a great time to work on things and see where we are."

Women's Singles Results

Elisa Simonetti	3-0
Lauren Sessoms	3-0
Anna Milan	2-0
Whitney Butcher	2-0
Paige Kensrue	2-1
Laura Graybill	2-1
Jessica Margolis	2-1
Daleen Kloppers, Melissa Wolf, Sally Wilkey: one win each	

Women's Doubles Results

<i>Friday</i>	
Wilkey/Sessoms	1-0
Graybill/Butcher	1-0
Margolis/Sessoms	1-0
Kloppers/Kensrue	1-0
<i>Saturday</i>	
Butcher/Wolf	1-0
Simonetti/Graybill	1-0
Wolf/Wilkey	1-0