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## El Centro highlights Hispanic Awareness Month

Rebecca Smith  
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Boisterous laughter was heard as two young brothers, ages 10 and 3, passed a new soccer ball back and forth in a brightly painted room inside Centro la Comunidad in Burlington, N.C.

This soccer ball was one of many donations, including other toys, school supplies and money, given to three families by a group of Elon students who volunteered to distribute the donations. The service event was part of Hispanic Awareness Month, organized by El Centro.

"There are two sides of Hispanic society," junior Lena Guerrero said. "There is the side that emphasizes helping others, and there is a fun side. We wanted to do activities that showed both sides."

To accomplish this, El Centro organized vans to take students to pass out the donations and interact with the families Saturday afternoon, as well as host La Fiesta at Lighthouse on Saturday night.

"It is easy to give money and go home and feel good about yourself," said Raquel Cortes Mazuelas, assistant director of the Spanish center. "But we really want people to go and get involved with the families, to put a face and spirit with the name."

These events, along with Hispanic Heritage Month, were created to raise awareness and encourage a stronger connection between the Elon community and the Hispanic community of Burlington.

"There is a large Hispanic community that needs help," Mazuelas said. "This could become an event that we could do multiple times per year, or multiple times per semester. A lot of the families also asked for tutors, so we are hoping to establish regular tutoring between Elon students and the families in need at the Centro la Comunidad."

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## ALAMANCE TEA PARTY

Local conservatives gather to protest government

Taylor Madaffari  
Reporter

The overcast skies threatened rain, but it was not enough to keep protestors at bay Saturday morning as they assembled in front of the Graham County Courthouse steps to demonstrate against what they said to be excessive government spending and taxation.

The Taxed Enough Already, or TEA Party, which is the second party for Alamance County, is one of dozens, if not hundreds, around the country that has popped up within the last year. The TEA parties are part of a burgeoning grassroots movement aimed specifically at government deregulation and what participants deem as quasi-socialistic government policies.

The Alamance County TEA Party is a conservative, but non-partisan, organization. Organizer Steve Carter said the purpose of the event is to inform, educate and motivate people to become more involved in government and politics.

"We want to help people understand that they have a right to be heard ... they have a voice beyond Election Day," he said.

The event Saturday was an almost entirely voluntary effort affiliated with the Freedom Works Organization, which is set up on the belief of less government, lower taxes and more freedom.

The rally, which lasted from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., featured 14 speakers. Topics ranged from the loss of jobs to gun rights to the denunciation of a federally run health care

system. Every speaker promoted less government, lower taxes, individual freedom and responsibility and the principles of the nation's founders.

"We believe in liberty. I just want liberty to work for us," said speaker Barbara Howe, former candidate for N.C. governor and current chair of the Libertarian Party of N.C. "The government is spending your money and a bunch of people are not doing anything to stop it."

Howe quoted Mike Munger, a fellow party member, saying "deficits are future tax increases."

Participants numbering in the hundreds waved American flags and handwritten signs illustrating their discontent.

One sign read, "Under Obamacare, I'm a dead man" and another espoused "God, guns and guts." The speeches were punctuated by frequent car horn blasts as

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ANNA JOHNSON | Photographer

## 'Walk to School Day' highlights road problems in Burlington

My Nguyen  
Reporter

Today, students from Elon's physical therapy department will lead 70 eager second graders from North Graham Elementary School to Graham High School in a walk to celebrate the third annual "Walk to School Day."

Although "Walk to School Day" was Oct. 7, local event organizers postponed the walk because students at year-round schools were on intercession. But the date of the event is not all they chose to modify.

The international event promotes healthy lifestyle habits, environmentally friendly methods of

traveling and awareness of pedestrian safety. Students are dropped off at an alternate location and then walk to school.

But because of a lack of safe walking routes, local advocates have created a day unique to the Graham community.

"There definitely is a need for safer walking routes, but for now, that has to be secondary because we have not been able to gain consent from the school district or parents to get kids dropped off anywhere other than at the school," said Marianne Janssen, director of clinical education in the physical therapy department.

Instead, Elon students focus on

increasing the second graders' activity levels. Today, students, staff and administrators from North Graham will join the physical therapy students in the walk from the elementary school to Graham High School, and then to Bill Cooke Park for games and other health-conscious activities.

The idea for this event was hatched when Janssen served as chair for the Triad District of the North Carolina Physical Therapy Association. The district wanted to give back to the community as well as celebrate National Physical Therapy Month.

"We decided that with the tremendous increase in childhood obesity and the associated risks of

long-term chronic diseases, kids would really benefit from our knowledge," Janssen said. "When we discovered that October was also National Walk to School month, it just all came together."

Janssen said she could not have accomplished this idea alone, and said Elon students did most of the organizing. She assigned them the task of helping increase their understanding of the role of physical therapists as consultants. Caroline Thutt, Morgan Rountree and Melissa Melito are third-year DPT students who helped make the event possible.

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# Local Elon alumni carry on spirit of service

Caitlin O'Donnell  
Reporter

Last Saturday afternoon, a group of 30 Elon alumni from the Triangle Alumni Chapter gathered to collect boxes of food donated to the food bank in an effort to feed the hungry at the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina.

"With this event, we want to give back to the community through our contributions and our time however we can and become re-engaged with Elon and our local alumni," said Lisa Johnston Smithdeal, '83 Elon University alumna and president of the Triangle Chapter.

This is not the first time the Triangle Chapter has participated in local volunteer events. Each year, all regional chapters are asked to take part in the October "Make a Difference" month of service.

"They can choose a service project specific to their area or one that benefits a national campaign," said Lauren Kelly, coordinator of alumni chapters.

Smithdeal said she believes it is important to give back to the community throughout the year as well. The chapter

organizes teams for the Komen Race for the Cure every spring and is an official sponsor of the Triangle Spokes Group, along with the Salvation Army, which provides bicycles for needy families.

"Especially in these trying times, where so many people are suffering with job loss and cutbacks, every little bit makes a difference in someone else's life," she said.

With a variety of service projects, the Triangle Chapter seeks to provide opportunities for all its alumni to volunteer in projects that suit their personalities, interests and schedules.

"Some alumni are only interested in sporting events, others want to have networking and/or social gatherings, while some alumni want to become more involved with community service," Smithdeal said. "We try to reach out to all alumni so they can continue to live a life that is bigger than themselves."

Through the Triangle Chapter's annual volunteer events, alumni hope to continue what they first experienced during their time at Elon.

"During their undergraduate years, students spend a great deal of time volunteering in the community, so they honor that Elon spirit of service as they participate in chapter service events," Kelly said.

Elon has been recognized nationally for its efforts in encouraging students to think beyond themselves and give back to their community and others around them.

"We want to keep these ideas going after graduation because the lessons we learned at Elon will always be a part of us," Smithdeal said.

Triangle members and Elon alumni Megan Livengood, ('03), and Katie Hendrick, ('04), only had positive things to say about their time as students at Elon.

"We loved it," Livengood said. "Students certainly have many challenging and fun experiences ahead of them."

For Smithdeal, volunteering for these events is more than just giving up her time. She said she has been repeatedly blessed by the experiences she has shared with the Triangle Chapter.

Working at the Triangle Spokes Group with her



CAITLIN O'DONNELL | Photographer  
Katie Hendrick, left, a 2004 graduate, and 2003 graduate Megan Livengood, right, help out at the Triangle Alumni Food Bank event.

daughter last December, Smithdeal was amazed at the excitement a simple bicycle could bring a child.

"My daughter talked to me about the many ways to

volunteer for community service events on campus," Smithdeal said. "She was impressed that the alumni keep up those ideals of giving back long after graduation."

## NASCAR aims to drive missing alumnus into national spotlight

Danielle Hatch  
Reporter

Almost two years ago, the Elon community was shaken by the disappearance of 2007 alumnus Kyle Fleischmann. Now, the Kyle Fleischmann Foundation, along with the brothers of Elon's the Kappa Alpha Order fraternity, are spreading the word about his disappearance to a national audience at this weekend's NASCAR Dollar General 300.



Kyle Fleischmann  
Missing 2007  
Elon Alumnus

Fleischmann disappeared after a night out in uptown Charlotte on Nov. 9, 2007. He was last seen leaving Fuel Pizza around 2:20 a.m., and there has yet to be any conclusive evidence surrounding his current whereabouts.

To promote awareness of the young alumnus' disappearance, the Kyle Fleischmann Foundation will sponsor a vehicle at the upcoming Charlotte NASCAR weekend.

"It's going to create a lot of awareness," said senior and Kappa Alpha Order President Jeff Criswell. "It's not so much a money-raising event as it is an opportunity to get Fleischmann's case into the public eye."

Elon graduate and close friend of Fleischmann, Garrett Turner, worked alongside his brother, Parker Turner, to make this event possible. The two have previously sponsored NASCAR vehicles for their IT and Telecommunications company, Liberty Port. When they sponsored a car at the Coca-Cola 400 in Daytona, Fla., in July, they received an overwhelming response.

"The first day we announced that we were sponsoring the race, our Web site got 1,000 hits," Garret said. "The day before the race, our Web site got 10,000 hits."

After realizing the amount of positive exposure they could receive, Liberty Port teamed up with Rick Ware Racing to sponsor a vehicle for Fleischmann. The vehicle, No. 31 Rick Ware Racing Nationwide series car, will have Fleischmann's picture and the Kyle Fleischmann Foundation's logo on the side, as well as the hotline's number on the hood.

"We have always been adamant about finding Kyle, and when we decided to do the Charlotte race, we just put two and two together," Turner said.

The Dollar General 300 will be this Friday at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte, N.C. The Kyle Fleischmann Foundation will receive national exposure from networks such as CNN, ABC and Fox, and will reach millions of people when the race is aired on ESPN2.

"The national press is really coming together to generate more interest about a story that is essentially two years old," Turner said. "We are trying to keep Kyle in the spotlight. He hasn't gone away."

Friends and family of Fleischmann urge students to attend the event, even if they did not personally know Kyle.

"This could happen to anyone and we're just trying to spread the word," Criswell said. "Any kind of help any student could give would mean a lot to a lot of people."

## Neuroscience minor probes into Elon's science department

Camille DeMere  
Multimedia Editor

Think fast. Focusing on neuroscience during their college career is the newest way for pre-medical and science students to prepare for graduate school. For the first time, this fall Elon is offering a minor in the field, which focuses on the brain and the nervous system.

In recent years, it has become apparent that graduate school means neuroscience classes. Alumni have reported back from graduate programs in psychology and physical therapy saying no matter what the end goal is, neuroscience plays a part in medical school.

The decision to add the minor came after two years of planning and involvement from many science departments that realized they had members to benefit and professors with passion for the concentration.

The minor's course load draws from fields like biology, psychology, computer science, exercise sports science and chemistry.

"This is beyond traditional science," said Amy Overman, assistant professor of psychology. "We all have a brain. Neuroscience is the underpinnings of all of our lives."

Hall said a few professors had been interested in starting the minor, but the university waited until it was sure the minor would be useful.

It was clear last fall that students were ready for neuroscience to be recognized as a defined course of study. More than 130 students attended a daylong neuroscience workshop that a group of professors and students planned in October. Fifty percent of those who answered a poll after the presentations showed interest in the minor.

Though the minor requires 24 semester hours, most students on the track said fitting in the credits is not difficult.

Many, like senior Sarah



JUSTINE SCHULERUD | Staff Photographer  
Junior Ali Bower discusses brain wave images in a student workshop. Electronic signals from her brain can be collected through the cap on her head and the resulting information is displayed on screen.

Foushee, were preparing for the minor without even meaning to. She began her freshman year with a biology minor. Those classes, combined with exercise sports science classes required for her major and a summer class, put her in line.

"I signed up as soon as it was available," she said.

Senior Olivia Ackerman had little direction for her career path until taking the Biological Basis of Behavior class her sophomore year. The course emphasized neuroscience and inspired Ackerman to consider specializing in the field.

"Spending time in Dr. Overman's Biological Basis of Behavior class showed me what I wanted to go into," she said. "There isn't exactly a neuroscience field, but I want to focus on it in my profession."

The class's subject matter has stayed the same, but it was renamed Behavioral Neuroscience this year to reflect the university's new emphasis on neuroscience.

So far, 22 students have declared the minor, and Hall said he thinks the number will climb after pre-registration at the end of the semester.

Junior Sean Glynn is one of those waiting to make a decision. As a double-major in communications and psychology, the time to earn credits is dwindling, but his desire to expand his reach is not.

Glynn said the minor

would be convenient because he's already met many of the requirements and it also relates to his life outside of school.

"I don't actually plan for my career to use my psychology major," he said. "I plan to go into communications. But I have family members who have mental disorders and I work with Special Olympics, so it has to do with things that are important to me."

The minor is attracting students mainly from the science department but is open to everyone.

"The questions we present and the answers that we seek are interesting to most people," Hall said.

Some of those answers come in the form of neuroeconomics, which looks at buying decisions, how they are made and how they can be manipulated. Hall said neuroscience often involves the performing arts in its studies.

Religious studies professor Jeff Pugh serves as a member on the advisory committee for the minor. He works closely with another committee member, associate professor of psychology Jeff Gendal, on issues like the existence of free will.

"Everything goes into understanding people and understanding our bodies starts in our brains," Ackerman said. "It makes sense when we're studying the body to start there."

# Carousel Cinemas considers cell phone ban



Miranda Fleeman, left, uses her phone before the start of a movie at Burlington's Carousel Cinemas. HEATHER CASSANO | Photographer

Alexa Milan  
Managing Editor

Carousel Cinemas at Alamance Crossing and in Greensboro are considering banning the use of mobile devices during screenings, putting an end to the symphony of ringtones and loud vibrations that interrupt many feature films.

Tony Fernandez, promotions director for Carousel Cinemas, said despite reminders to silence cell phones, the

amount of people texting, using the Internet and talking on the phone during movie screenings is starting to get out of control.

"People are going into films and disrespecting everyone else in the theater," Fernandez said. "They're texting and getting all kinds of messages and phone calls, and it's a little frustrating."

The Alamance Crossing theater gets more complaints about patrons using mobile phones during movies than the

Greensboro theater. The owners are currently discussing how to effectively deal with inappropriate cell phone use and could possibly reach a decision in a few weeks.

Fernandez said the theater wants to find an effective way for people to get the message about cell phone misuse but thinks taking phones away might be too drastic. He thinks people should be able to keep their phones with them in the theater in case of an emergency, but in most cases, people call or text for pleasure.

Fernandez said he wishes people would realize how their behavior affects other moviegoers. Most of the time, when customers are asked to put their phones away, they will comply or step outside the theater.

"But you've always got that 1 or 2 percent who don't do that, and they'll sit there like they're in their own living rooms and chat or text away," Fernandez said.

Junior Joshua Chagani said he would approve a ban at Alamance Crossing but doesn't know how effective it will be.

"I think banning cell phones is fine," Chagani said. "Cell phones are supposed to be silent, so technically it shouldn't make a difference. My question is how do they enforce it?"

While Carousel Cinemas is still figuring that out, the single-screen Graham Cinema already has a cell phone policy in place. Owner Jennifer Talley said one of their biggest problems was texting during movies, which became an issue about two years ago.

"People get the impression that texting is not disruptive because they're not talking," Talley said. "But the light is very bright and can be distracting

and disruptive."

If moviegoers are caught texting or talking on the phone during screenings, they are first given a warning before being asked to leave the theater. Talley said though some people responded negatively at first, most of their patrons now respect the policy.

Jeff Clark, executive director of cultural and special programs at Elon, said cell phones also present problems in live theater. While most students respect the policy of silencing cell phones during plays and other cultural events, Clark said he has experienced issues with it in the past.

"The biggest thing the theater world has had to come to grips with in the last couple of years is cell phone cameras, because it's strictly forbidden in most performances to take pictures," Clark said.

According to Clark, even the glare from a cell phone camera flash can distract, or temporarily blind performers. He said if audience members are caught using their phones, theater workers will ask them to stop. But he said Carousel Cinemas' 16-screen Burlington theater and 15-screen Greensboro theater likely have more problems because they don't have enough staff to station someone in every theater to monitor cell phone use.

Whatever the solution, freshman Katie Li said she thinks a stricter cell phone policy is necessary.

"It's annoying when I'm trying to watch a movie and I see lit up screens out of the corner of my eye," Li said. "We paid to see the movie and are clearly interested in watching and listening to the movie, and people texting nearby just causes a distraction."

## Children's museum to break ground in 2010

Samantha King  
Assistant News Editor

Alamance Children's Museum is slated to finally break ground in spring 2010, opening a new and innovative venue for children in Burlington.

The plans for the museum have been in the works for more than two years. The concept of the museum was not an easy one to come by.

Phoebe Harman, a trustee for the Hayden Harman Foundation, along with her husband, two sons and daughter-in-law, first approached the idea when her grandchildren gave her a tile for the floor in the children's museum in Rutherford, N.C.

"The museum was located in a county smaller and poorer than Alamance," Harman said. "If they could do it, so could we."

Alamance County's lack of cultural, artistic, and educational outlets for the youth of the county has long been a concern of the parents of Alamance.

Silvia Munoz, director of the Spanish Center, said she is always struggling to find things for her daughter, to do.

"I've been waiting for a long time. There's not a lot to do here, so were always having to go elsewhere to find things that are entertaining and educational for her."

Munoz said she often travels to Greensboro and Raleigh on rainy or long summer days just to find educational activities to stimulate her daughter.

The museum will be located in the heart of Graham, 200 yards from the

precise center of the county, within walking distance from the Center for the Performing Arts, Alamance County Arts Council, Graham Public Library and the police department.

The Alamance Children's Museum is projected to be 14,000-square-feet and made of sustainable materials.

The process of funding and planning the idea of a children's museum proved to be much more challenging than the idea itself.

Harman has been talking with various museums across the nation.

"We've been learning what has and has not worked for other museums, hopefully we can learn from their mistakes," Harman said.

One of the major components Harman learned during the researching process was to start small.

"Some museums build huge square feet, then find they cannot afford to keep it up in later years," she said. "We decided that we could not go much larger than 13,000-square-feet."

A second lesson she learned was to build the endowment from day one. When the museum funds are finally raised, the museum's endowment will amount to \$600,000 out of the \$4 million needed to build and furnish the museum. The endowment will also be used for future activities and community involvement.

"Our goal is to get every child involved," Harman said.

Since the total estimated cost is \$4 million, searching for grants and fundraising has been a major aspect of planning for the last two

### CHILDREN'S MUSEUM QUICK INFO

The then-and-now Alamance County interactive exhibits will include an Indian village, produce stand, farm house, sock factory, restaurant, small train station, ATM, post office, hospital, infant nursery and more.

Every exhibit will have books which connect to the themes of the play place.

Other types of exhibits include a large space with a wobble roll for toddlers.

years. The Hayden Harman Foundation donated a matching grant of \$1 million dollars if the museum could raise the matching million. Currently the museum is \$900 away from the \$1 million goal. It projects to have it before Nov. 1.

The Hayden Harman Foundation was founded in memory of Lib Harman, Harman's mother-in-law, eight years ago. The foundation was established to better Alamance County and High Point.

"We wanted to leave something behind that would benefit the whole county," Harman said. "Something that would still be here 20 years after we're gone."

Prices for the museum haven't yet been determined. But yearly memberships are being discussed, as well as free monthly events for the whole family, such as pajama parties and grandparents' nights.

## Elon School of Law to host forums connecting professionals, students

Samantha King  
Assistant News Editor

Elon University School of Law, in conjunction with synerG of Greensboro, is scheduled to host the first of three forums committed to involving young professionals with the local government.

These discussions began as a vision for senior law student Jab Brooks, which he made a reality by implementing it into his capstone project.

"We wanted to help get a better handle on the roles and responsibility involved (in local government)," Brooks said. "We wanted to expose others to what opportunities exist both in involvement and responsibility."

The luncheon will be a small gathering of about 30 people and will cost \$10 a plate. The forum is titled "Local Government 101: How the City Works for You" and is open to anyone interested in joining.

The seminar will present the topic of economic development, Brooks said.

"It's all about what the city can and will do to foster the development of good jobs," Brooks said.

The discussion panels will be Oct. 14 and 21. They will be comprised of a well-rounded panel of city council members, professors and non-partisans.

Some of the guests for the luncheon include the first female mayor of Greensboro, elected in 1993, the city manager of Greensboro, Bob Morgan, and Howard Katz, an Elon University law professor who has substantial experience in strategic planning for municipal government.

The second panel will include professionals of the same caliber, including a professor who worked on Capitol Hill.

"We wanted to get non-partisan folks, academics and people who have had their 'boots' on the ground," Brooks said.

To put his plan into action, Brooks began planning and working with synerG last February. Brooks said synerG was more than happy to help him get the young law community more involved in the Greensboro government.

"We want to get more young professionals involved," said Cecelia Thompson, spokesperson for synerG.

SynerG is a branch of Active Greensboro, an organization of young adults whose mission is to attract and engage young professionals to Greensboro. SynerG helps to get young professionals involved through leadership opportunities and professional networking. The organization is centered on the 21-39 age group and serves as an information clearing house for them.

"Our goal is to get more and more people to stay in Greensboro after they graduate," Thompson said.

One of the best aspects of his capstone project, Brooks said, is seeing his classmates come from across the country to see Greensboro, the city he grew up in.

"I absolutely plan to stay after I graduate" Brooks said. "I wouldn't have it any other way. It's really rewarding, as a native, to get the opportunity to attend Elon University Law and to see how others discover Greensboro."

# Four-legged friendships create necessary stress relief for students

Rachel Bertone  
Reporter

After Sarah Talbott heard the news of her grandmother's death, she immediately got in her car and drove to the barn. She needed her horse.

"Any time I'm upset I go to the barn," said Talbott, a junior from Kentucky. "I can cry on him and he doesn't judge."

Talbott is one of many students who turn to animals for company and friendship in times of distress. Talbott's horse, Reilly, lives in a stable close to campus. They've shared a close bond since she rescued him seven years ago from a meat auction.

As a member of the Elon equestrian team, Talbott spends a lot of time riding Reilly, but she makes an effort to see him at least an hour each day outside of practice. For Talbott, spending time with her horse provides a source of happiness and acts as a stress reliever.

The question of whether animals have an impact on human health has been a long-winded debate for years. Many strongly advocate for the presence of animals in people's lives as an impetus for mental wellness.

The question recently resurfaced when The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development initiated a study to test these effects, according to The New York Times. The Times said animal impact is easily noticeable, but has yet to be understood through scientific studies.

Senior Mary Danahy believes her dog, Baxter, has improved her life. She said the 8-month-old Cavachon has affected her health both physically and mentally and makes her life more enjoyable.

"His happy demeanor always puts me in a good mood, even when I'm upset about something," Danahy said.

Danahy said she and Baxter go for a walk every day. They may only take one short walk around the neighborhood, but Danahy said it makes her feel more active and gives her a break from whatever may be stressing her out that day. She said she knows her personal

well-being has definitely improved thanks to Baxter.

"It put my life into perspective because one day I just realized that I'm his lifeline," Danahy said. "It gives me more of a sense of purpose in this crazy life that I have going on."

Junior Laura Beth Goodman is one of the campus coordinators for Students Helping Animals Regain Equality. The organization visits animal shelters to help dogs and cats prepare for adoption by socializing with them.

Goodman said it's amazing to see how animals can change students' lives. She strongly believes in animal interaction as a form of therapy.

"Many of our volunteers find it soothing to go to the shelter, and most of them always leave with a smile," she said.

Goodman also recognizes the life lessons animals teach people, such as responsibility. She has seen students gain confidence just by being in the company of animals.

The Kopper Top Life Learning Center is another outlet where Elon students can see the effects of animals on human health. The center offers therapy for the disabled through horseback riding and animal companionship.

Deborah Meridith, founder and owner of Kopper Top, has witnessed changes in people who interact with animals. She said she has a client who was told he would never walk or talk again. After spending three years riding horses, he was able to do both.

Meridith works with Elon students on a regular basis and said Kopper Top is a place where they can feel the company they are missing with their own pet. Most students can't wait to return to the farm, she said.

According to Meridith, her years at the center have taught her one main thing: Animals give love that no one else can.

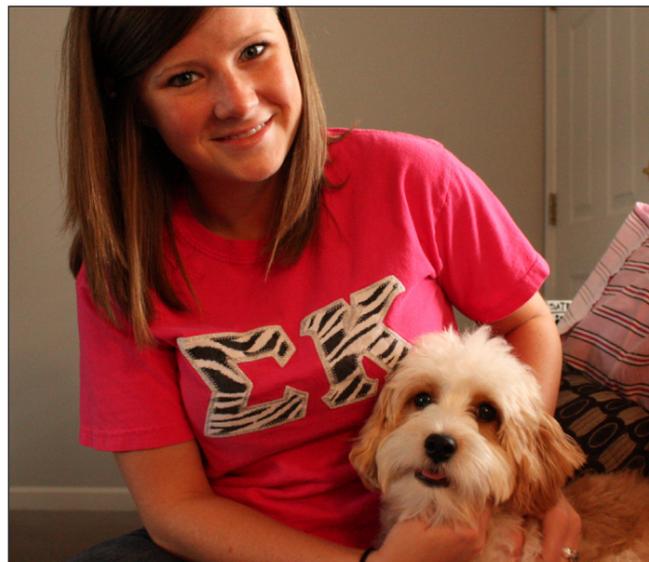
"They do not care about your financial resources, race, religious views, age, sex — they love unconditionally," Meredith said. "Everyone needs that kind of love. To be loved is to love."



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ABOVE: Junior Sarah Talbott gives a kiss to her horse, Reilly, whom she rescued from a meat auction seven years ago.

LEFT: Senior Mary Danahy holds her 8-month-old Cavachon, Baxter.



## Research suggests inebriation could be life saving

Alleé Bennett  
Reporter

Although a new study concludes alcohol may help people survive trauma-related injury, Elon officials still point to the staggering evidence: One-third of injuries are initially caused by the use of alcohol.

U.S. researchers found that trauma patients who were intoxicated before a fatal accident had a greater chance of survival than patients who consumed no alcohol. The study, released in the October issue of American Surgeon, suggests alcohol may create an altered chemical response in the body during impact of a traumatic injury.

Researchers at the Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center reviewed the cases of 7,985 trauma patients with similar

injuries and ages to find if consumption of alcohol prior to a traumatic injury affected the outcome. Database results concluded 7 percent of sober patients died, compared to only 1 percent of patients who had previously consumed alcohol.

Robert Vick, an associate professor of biology at Elon, said he is excited by the research, but still skeptical.

"It is too early to determine the process or chemical alteration alcohol has in the cells," Vick said. "No one is going to be able to tell you how alcohol directly influences higher survival rates at this time."

Vick said he thinks the study has many interesting observations on how alcohol may protect cells and nerves during or after a traumatic brain injury. Researchers do not know

how much or how long alcohol must be present in the blood to protect the brain. At this time, observations show only that alcohol may lessen the body's inflammatory response at the time of an injury.

"The study is very open to being misinterpreted," Vick said.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, each year 1.4 million people in the U.S. sustain a traumatic brain injury.

Lauren Martin, Elon's coordinator of substance education, warned that all research has limitations and encouraged students to do their own research to know the correlations and potential conflicts on the topic.

"As (with) any research, you must take it for what it's worth and use common sense to not always take it for face-

value," Martin said. "Any piece of information can be critical, but you have to realize it's not always reality."

Martin said low-risk choices will help all sides of this issue. A person consuming alcohol exhibits a decreased fight or flight response that may cause different reactions when exposed to mild to severe traumatic injuries.

"Alcohol is a drug and like any drug it can be harmful to the body, and in some cases medically beneficial," Martin said.

Martin does not see a significant number of traumas or incidents requiring hospitalization among Elon students and. In the last three years, drinking incidents on campus have decreased.

"We are still concerned with the unreported and undocumented issues," Martin said. "Students should be comfortable to turn to resources

on campus if they are concerned about the health of themselves or friends."

The study follows research released in September from the Archives of Surgery, which showed similar results. Researchers found that even though patients who consume alcohol have a lower mortality rate, alcohol is also associated with a greater risk of complications, including the inability for doctors to determine the severity of an injury or a patient's level of consciousness.

"It reinforces that it is important to know how alcohol affects the body and also the consequences of one's actions," senior biology major Alexis Moss said.

While alcohol alone will more than likely not be a key component in standard health care, understanding how alcohol may protect

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As (with) any research, you must take it for what it's worth and use common sense to not always take it for face-value.

- Lauren Martin  
ELON'S COORDINATOR  
OF SUBSTANCE  
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against swelling during a traumatic injury to the body could help develop new treatments and therapy.

"If researchers can figure out why it is protective, not just presenting a correlation that is present, it may be a part of the standard-of-care protocol in the future," Vick said. "Sometimes, the most unlikely is what is most beneficial, like alcohol, a traditional substance."

# U.S. doctors face similar goals, different views on health care

Alex Moss  
Reporter

The public response to health care reform has received no shortage of media coverage. From death panels to socialism, passionate citizens have taken every chance to air their views. But there is far less discussion on the opinions of those central to the debate — doctors.

Like most doctors, Elon University physician Jim Hawkins has taken a stance on the hot topic. He said he is wary of a government-sponsored program.

"A public option would decrease private options and eventually lead to centralized health care," Hawkins said. "I don't like one entity having too much power."

Government programs like Medicare, he said, do not get reimbursed enough for their services, so money is constantly being lost.

"Many people think doctors are rich," Hawkins said. "Most are not, especially those who work for the government."

At Elon, the proposed legislation, if passed, would have minimal effects on students.

"We have a prepaid insurance plan," Hawkins said. "The school pays a health care fee, you visit me for nothing, you pay for any prescriptions and I get a salary."

Stephen Gamboa, a physician at UNC Hospital and Chatham Hospital, is the state director of Doctors for America, a grassroots organization in favor of health care reform. He disagrees with Hawkins' take on the issue.

Gamboa recently attended an event in Washington, D.C., where physicians in his group aimed to reach lawmakers and the public.

"It was a wonderful experience to meet the president," Gamboa said.

The event, held Oct. 5 in the Rose Garden at the White House, was organized to show doctor support for Obama's ideas on health care reform.

"I see patients every day who either lack insurance or don't have enough coverage," Gamboa said. "Obama's public option would make coverage more affordable and extend primary care to those who need it."

While Doctors for America had representatives from all 50 states, they were not representative of all physician opinions on health care.

A 2009 study by the New England Journal of

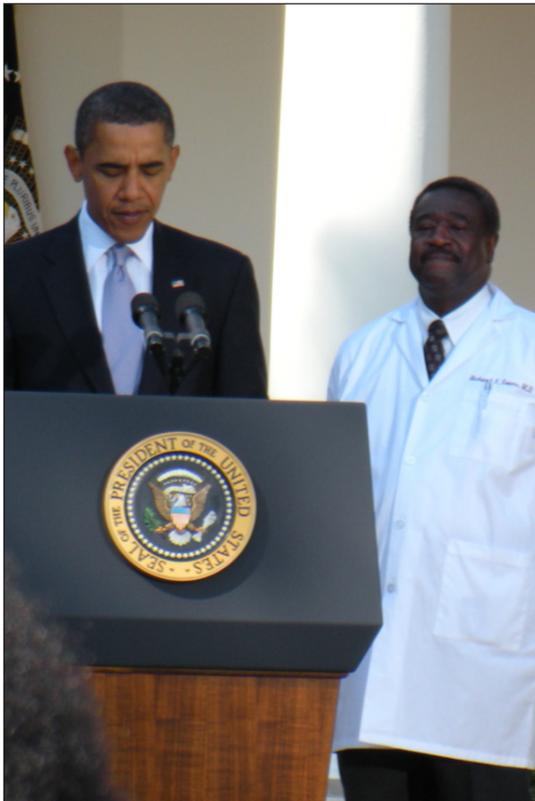


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In the Rose Garden with President Obama, doctors from across the nation represented fellow physicians and their patients to advocate for health reform this year.

Medicine collected from the American Medical Association Physician Masterfile found that of U.S. physicians:

- 27.3 percent support private options only
- 65.2 percent of primary care providers support a public option
- 57.4 percent of "other" physicians support a public option

Doctors for America backs Obama's attempts to insure all Americans. This comes as no surprise as the organization was first called Doctors for Obama, a group set up to help elect the now-president.

The AMA, the country's largest association of

physicians and medical students, recently told Congress it does not support a public option for non-disabled citizens under age 65.

The fear is that a public plan would not only threaten patients' abilities to choose their insurance, but would also force taxpayers to absorb the public costs.

Elon biology professor Matthew Clark agrees.

"If there's a public option, people will buy into it," Clark said. "It's great for primary care, but what if there's an emergency? Who will pay for this?"

The answer, he thinks, is taxpayers.

Another concern is whether there are enough doctors to treat the roughly 46 million people who lack health insurance.

"We do need to increase the supply of physicians," Gamboa said. "But that's like asking, 'If someone is hungry, should they be fed?'"

Clark said he thinks the solution to that problem lies in sub-specialties.

Nearly all fields of medicine have sub-specialists such as nurses, nurse practitioners and physical therapists. Often, they can prescribe medicine with the consent of a doctor.

"Why do we always have to go to a doctor?" Clark said. "To serve a broader population, we must get past that way of thinking."

Government involvement in health care has been a debate for generations, even among doctors.

Hawkins said the current discourse about health care began when Medicare was established in 1965 — around the same time his father started practicing medicine in Alamance County.

"I remember him coming home and saying (the government) just ruined health care for everybody," he said.

Junior Jake Wolfe said he personally understands the dilemma.

"I would be more for a public option if all doctors supported it," Wolfe said. "But many specialists, like my father, do not."

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- Matthew Clark  
ELON PROFESSOR  
OF BIOLOGY

## Students prepare to counsel war veterans

Sarah Chaffee  
Reporter

After returning home from war, some veterans may suffer from psychological trauma that follows them home, affecting their family and friends. The Elon community is currently discussing options to help these distressed veterans, such as training students as counselors and implementing a new program centered on the soldiers and their health.



Ted Slusher  
Junior and ROTC  
Member

Many veterans come home as completely different people, experiencing a life that has changed them in indescribable ways.

"When you go through a traumatic event, you're never striving to return to your old self. You have to find a new norm," said junior Ted Slusher, a member of Elon's ROTC program. "You'll never get over it. It's a constant struggle, day in and day out."

Slusher spent this past summer at a deployment camp for ROTC military training. After two months of simulated war operations, surrounded only by military students and personnel, "you forget how to behave around people," he said.

Slusher said a crucial component to training students would require a service-related experience, such as the Peace Corps or military, as veterans may want to talk to someone to whom they can relate.

"Americans need to get out of their own lives and this individual society," he said. "They need to experience a lifestyle other than that of America."

Slusher stressed the importance of empathy when treating veterans, and said unless a person has had a similar experience it's hard to give advice. Slusher said he struggles with the idea of understanding.

"How do you teach empathy?" he said.

Paul Fromson, a psychology professor, said he agrees experience is a key component for students training to treat combat veterans.

"Combat military background is a very different personal experience and would help in counseling," Fromson said. "Training should help graduate students know how to deal with war veterans and go the distance with them, to help them get to a better place in their lives."

Fromson said most veterans would experience depression, divorce and violence when returning to their "new" social norms. If Elon goes through with making this program a reality, he said he believes this type of training will need to be highly specialized and preferably taught by mental health personnel with military experience.

Military personnel with the counseling techniques of a trained psychologist would be ideal to help design a course that could incorporate the sensitivity of a combat-related experience into the curriculum of psychological healing methods.

Graduate programs to help counsel war veterans have been initiated in major universities like University of Southern California and University of Washington-Tacoma. Elon doesn't seem to attract a high demand for these types of counseling programs because few war veterans pass through campus.

Bruce Nelson, director of Elon Counseling Services, said Elon doesn't have the means to treat war veterans.

"If someone did come to us with war-related issues, we would work to link them with all available appropriate community resources," he said.

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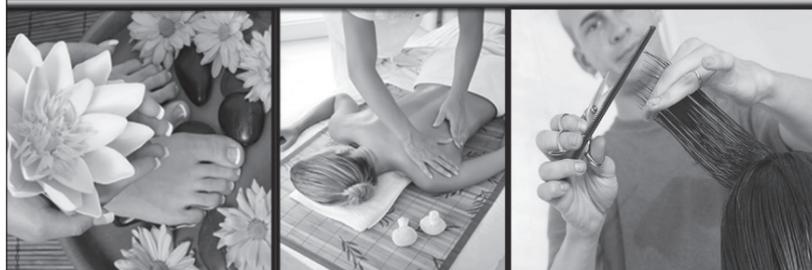
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# Protesters sound off on health care

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dissenter Wiley Moore paced the street, shouting at passing cars and holding a sign urging them to "Honk if you're taxed too much."

Their list of grievances was long, but protesters were urged to be proactive.

"Fight as if your very freedom depends on it, because it does," said speaker Becki Gray, vice president and legislative lobbyist of the John Locke Foundation, a conservative think tank in Raleigh.

Crowd favorite Jonathan Krohn, 14, author of "Define Conservatism" and guest columnist for a conservative publication called Human Events, advocated individual responsibility.

"Remember you are not a victim," he told the crowd. "Individuals are the ones who make the change. Not victims. Americans cannot find their worth in government, but by working hard and working well."

Indeed, the protesters, many newfound activists, felt empowered and believed in their ability as individuals to effect change.

"I'll stand up anytime I can for God, country and my rights," small business owner Melinda Fargis said. "They're being taken away right and left, and anything that I can do, small or large, I'm willing to do."

Demonstrator Shirley Price said she is a great-grandmother, but her age

isn't enough to stop her.

"I think when grandmothers and great-grandmothers come out, the government needs to start listening," she said.

Speaker Felice Pete, a nurse anesthetist from Raleigh, N.C., fired up the audience with a speech.

"We are the party of the sick and tired," she said. "I am exhausted with our government. I want conservatism to come back."

Although the cheering crowd was passionate and the atmosphere almost celebratory, the event was orderly and peaceable. Protesters expressed their beliefs with little hostility or rancor toward President Obama or the current administration.

"I'm not mad, just very concerned," said speaker Rick Gunn, a Republican candidate for the N.C. Senate. "This is an opportunity. People are listening today here in Alamance County."

Carter urged college students to become involved in local government because it is their futures at stake. Krohn suggested students do four things: Get the facts straight, find an issue to latch onto, educate their peers and engage in cordial, civil and intellectual debate with the opposing party.

*Anna Johnson also contributed to this article.*

## Elon embraces surrounding Hispanic community

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The Multicultural Center also helped with this event and hopes to continue the relationship.

"We want people to learn new cultures and meet new people," Mazuelas said. "People sometimes tend to stereotype things, but Hispanic culture is more than sombreros, maracas and Mexican food."

Centro la Comunidad offers many different activities, including a women's group Thursday morning that provides free childcare. They also sponsor presenters from the community who discuss subjects like health, immigration and local community service opportunities. Volunteers help clients with almost any request, from finding lawyers for victims of domestic violence to helping clients find food and pay rent.

"Some families come in and just need

something translated and then they leave," said Jordan Cobb, the bilingual case manager at Centro la Comunidad. "Other families need more help. The families we are giving donations to all needed a little more help. Two of the families are single mothers raising their children, and one family just moved to the United States a year ago."

Cobb is a recent Elon graduate who credits Elon for inspiring her to help others and become more involved with the Hispanic community.

"El Centro helped me want to get more involved, and through the study abroad program I found new experiences and learned more about the Hispanic culture," Cobb said. "I always wanted to do something like this when I went to Elon, and now I am glad to be giving current Elon students the chance."

## Elon physical therapy students connect with local elementary school for 'Walk'

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About two weeks prior to the event, DPT students gave the North Graham students pedometers and taught them how to use them. They also emphasized the need to remain active, suggested safe walking tips and explained what they studied in physical therapy. According to Elon alumnus and principal Gregory Holland, the students look forward to interacting with college students every year.

In the event's first year, International Walk to School Day occurred during North Graham's school break and participation was reduced to 30 students from different grade levels. Then, the event was limited to activities at the elementary school.

Following two years' successes, this year's event is the first when students will be allowed to walk on the sidewalks.

The day has also become more focused. Realizing the experience might be more effective with only one grade level, but organizers picked second graders because they are old enough to understand the need to remain active yet young enough to

apply these habits for the rest of their lives. As the event grows, supporters hope there will ultimately be safer routes for students to walk.

"It's literally one step at a time," Janssen said.

Event organizers hope this experience will encourage students to develop healthy lifestyles.

"We hope this event will encourage them to stay active and find activities they can participate in for a lifetime," Holland said.

But the benefits and lessons are not limited to the second graders.

Janssen said he hopes physical therapy students will learn that being a physical therapist extends beyond treating patients and includes being involved with the health of communities in which they work and live.

"Elon's mission involves educating global citizens who are concerned for the common good," Janssen said. "To contribute to a way to decrease and, hopefully, eventually prevent childhood obesity is something that is good for the entire world. How much more common can you get?"

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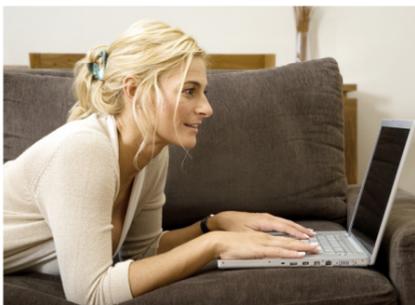
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# State bans plastic bottles in landfills

Rebecca Dotson  
Reporter

A new North Carolina state law, implemented on Oct. 1, 2009, bans plastic bottles, oil filters and wooden pallets from all North Carolina landfills.

This law is enforced by North Carolina's Division of Waste Management, which has the responsibility of inspecting disposal facilities to make sure all rules and regulations are being followed, including the exclusion of the recently banned materials.

The law was deemed necessary because the banned materials are in high demand by recycling processors, and through the retrieval of the materials jobs and business opportunities will be created.

Recycling these materials will reduce a long-term dependence on landfills and save the use of more resources to make products from scratch instead of recycled material," said Scott Mouw with the N.C. Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance.

"We expect the law will result in the establishment of new programs and efforts to recycle the materials across the state," Mouw said.

Two of the largest waste companies informed haulers and their communities, down to individual customers, on the new law and date of implementation.

This has proved to be very beneficial and both the N.C. Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance and the solid waste section at the state's Division of Waste Management have received numerous calls from citizens interested in knowing more about how to recycle.

Paul Crissman, chief of the Solid Waste Section of the N.C. Division of Waste Management, said he feels "the behavior of individuals, collectively, are very important," in helping the law make an impact on recycling.



Plastic bottles are now banned from N.C. landfills since there's a high demand by recycling processors. JUSTINE SCHULERUD | Staff Photographer

Individuals are not the only ones ready to get involved with recycling. A new PET plastics recycling facility is being built in Fayetteville, N.C., which will have the capacity to use 280 million pounds of PET plastic annually.

Recovery facilities like this one will not only use materials from North Carolina, but also materials coming in from other states to change the items into sellable products.

Alamance County enacted its first recycling ordinance in 1992, which mandated all targeted recyclables, aluminum cans, clear and brown glass, cardboard, newspaper and commercially generated office paper, be recycled.

"We see (the new law) as more of an

educational change and the changing of people's habits more than a true enforcement law," said Craig F. Honeycutt, Alamance County Manager.

Alamance County provides three drop-off locations: Pleasant Grove Elementary, 3479 Danieley Waterwheel Road, and the landfill of 2701 Austin Quarter Road, Graham, N.C.

The landfill has recently introduced electronic recycling, which helps expedite the recycling process.

Off campus, students can recycle through TFC Recycling, which offers its services for \$3.95 a month. TFC will provide containers for recycling materials and have bi-weekly curbside pickup.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Elon Volunteers! to host Make a Difference Day

EV! is recruiting 150 volunteers to help package 15,000 dried meals on Oct. 24 to send to high-risk areas around the world for "Stop Hunger Now," an international organization that aims to provide food to every hungry person around the globe.

To sign up, contact Michelle Newman at mnewman2@elon.edu.

### Elon Law announces new scholarship

The Elon School of Law has a new scholarship for second- and third-year students interested in tax or estate-planning law.

A \$100,000 endowment was provided by the Stanley and Dorothy Frank Family Foundation. It is in honor of Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP attorney Carole W. Bruce, as well as Stanley Frank, a former business and philanthropic leader in Greensboro.

### Speaker to discuss Burma

Patrick Cook-Deegan will speak at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 22 in LaRose Digital Theater about his involvement with the U.S. Campaign for Burma and the ongoing ethnic cleansing in Burma.

His talk is sponsored by the Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life, STAND and Students for Peace and Justice.



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## Blessing of the animals

Elon staff member Martin Latta, left, brought his dog, Porter, to The Rev. Gerry Waterman, Catholic Campus Minister to be blessed at last Thursday's Blessing of the Animals at College Chapel. Porter was actively trying to run away during the service and Latta said he had eaten his way through several of his possessions. "I think he might need to be exorcised, actually," Latta said during his dog's introduction. There were several other dogs at the service and many people brought stuffed animals or photographs to be blessed in place of their live pets.

## Forum to discuss the great marijuana debate

Keegan Calligar  
Senior Reporter

Weed. Pot. Grass. Tree. One could seemingly go on forever identifying different names for marijuana. And just as there are countless names for the drug, different opinions about its use are hotly contested regularly.

Junior James Malmberg recognizes this and suggested the topic for debate last year in his Liberal Arts Forum class, which also functions as a club that hosts about four speakers each semester.

Malmberg's idea was selected and the group will host the Great Marijuana Debate Oct. 28.

To select a speaker, students suggest topics and speakers they believe would be interesting and as a group trim the list until they approve of a speaker.

"The forum is a completely student-funded and student-run organization, so as their adviser, I do not vote on potential speakers," said Ann Cahill, associate professor of philosophy and the group's faculty advisor. "I give students advice on what I think would work, but the students actually make all the decisions themselves."

Cahill said the group process starts with brainstorming.

"We start with a lot of names, a lot of different topics, and little by little the students whittle (the list) down," Cahill said.

She said for each idea chosen, about 20 to 25 are usually rejected and often times ideas are suggested semester after semester.

Two speakers will participate in the Great Marijuana Debate: Paul Chabot and Kris Krane, who will debate against and for marijuana policy reform, respectively.

Chabot served as the White House Senior Advisor for Law Enforcement, Justice and Drug Control Programs, worked with the

U.S. Attorney's office in Los Angeles to target methamphetamine production and assessed anti-terrorism and counter-narcotics with the U.S. State Department Office of Inspector General.

Krane is executive director of the Students for Sensible Drug Policy. During his time as director, the group persuaded Congress members to lessen the severity of the Health Education Act's elimination policy.

Originally, any student convicted of a drug crime before college could not receive federal funding for school. Now, only those who are convicted of a crime while in college can lose their funding.

According to the group's Web site, "Students for Sensible Drug Policy neither encourages nor condemns drug use. Rather, we seek to reduce the harms caused by drug abuse and drug policies. As young people, we strive toward a just and compassionate society where drug abuse is treated as a health issue instead of a criminal justice issue."

Cahill said students should be informed because all taxpayers are affected in some way by the war on drugs.

"The American war on drugs has been one of the most controversial domestic policies in the last several decades, so it's been a continual political controversy," she said. "(It) has cost an enormous amount of money, (and) it is controversial how much effect it's had in terms of reducing drug abuse. There's no doubt that it has commanded an enormous amount of resources, just on the level of police and the judicial system."

Cahill said Students are encouraged to participate in a question and answer session held after the debate. She also added that the group is open to suggestions for questions to ask during the debate.

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## It takes a village to build a town Elon's collaborative effort to establish a Town Center

Picture the prototypical Main Street, U.S.A.: the tall streetlights, parallel sidewalks with identically content citizens walking on them, a child gripping its mother with one hand and an ice cream cone in the other.

It's an idealistic scene, one easily relegated to a long-gone era, but it's one that Elon will be advocating, in spirit, as a component of the latest strategic plan.

Running from the field across from the fire station, taking a turn at the intersection of Williamson Avenue and Haggard Avenue toward Arts West, the so-called "Town Center" would be a series of projects built with the cooperation of the university, the town and independent investors seeking to revitalize the Town of Elon.

Initially, it appears Elon is swinging its weight around in seeking to align the goals of its own strategic plan with those of the greater community, and the proposal did start with the university.

But when dealing outside of university property, Elon's hands are tied.

Most of the high-traffic area in question is privately owned, and despite the amount of weight Elon has, it's hard to tip the scales in favor of forcing the town to approve construction the Board of Aldermen, or the owners of the contested property, clearly do not want.

"We want to do it as a team," said Elon Executive Vice President Gerry Francis, emphasizing how Elon doesn't want this to turn into a university-centric endeavor. Instead, Elon wants the plan to evolve into something that involves input and collaboration from the entire community.

Francis cited Lighthouse as an example of what happens when Elon takes a heavy hand in an off-campus business.

"We want to be hands-off, but not for it to revert to the old Lighthouse," he said, referencing the arrest of previous owner

Grayson "Chad" Snyder for the possession of GHB and cocaine. "It has more viability if we don't run it."

Elon is actually looking for a new owner for the tavern, but the lack of prospective takers highlights a major problem facing the entire project.

It may all be fine and well during the school year when thousands of Elon students can provide plenty of income for a fledgling business enterprise, but during the summer, the atmosphere changes completely. The campus is akin to a ghost town during the summer, and that prospect could be terrifying for entrepreneurs looking to jump into the Elon market.

"Alamance Crossing has taken this and obviously slowed everything down," Francis said, giving credence to the belief that the biggest competition the Town Center may have is the pre-existing businesses in the Town of Elon and Burlington.

Gerald Whittington, vice president for Business, Finance and Technology, presented the proposal in-depth for the first time at the Board of Aldermen meeting Tuesday, the details of which are featured on The Pendulum Web site.

It will be at the meeting that the Town Center concept faces its first true trial by fire, removed from the university environment and put out into a town that may very well be suspicious of the idea, if not just because of its origins.

With the vast majority of the space around Church Street devoted to shops and businesses catering to almost every consumer need, what rationale would there be for even more storefronts to define the town?

To Elon, the key is the proximity of the Town Center to the main campus. The surveys that were sent out during the spring semester to the student body

came back with a solid cry for more conveniences within walking distance.

Something as simple as a drug store, a bookstore or a small movie theater is currently being tossed around as ideas for the sort of businesses that could be right next to students on campus.

This also aligns with two other initiatives highlighted in the strategic plan. The new emphasis on bringing students back into campus living quarters, with the addition of 1,600 new beds, would be bolstered by the bright new Town Center, and the center's proximity would encourage more walking and less driving, which would coincide with Elon's efforts to become increasingly green.

Francis pointed toward the areas around Wake Forest University, Franklin & Marshall College and Franklin Street in Chapel Hill as inspirations for Elon's proposal.

But invoking those areas, and with the immediate imagery of an idyllic main street, a problem arises.

Even if the Board of Aldermen and the general community agree with Elon on the Town Center, and if the collaborative effort yields tangible results, it's the heart of the student body, the way a street becomes synonymous with a university's identity, that will ultimately determine if this endeavor will be a success.

## Facing the Board

Read The Pendulum's analysis of Elon's presentation from Tuesday of the Town Center to the Board of Aldermen.

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## PUTTING THE PEACE PRIZE IN PERSPECTIVE

### PAST CONTROVERSIAL PICKS FOR THE PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

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Instrumental in leading the Palestinian Liberation Organization and the First Intifada, Arafat won "for efforts to create peace in the Middle East."

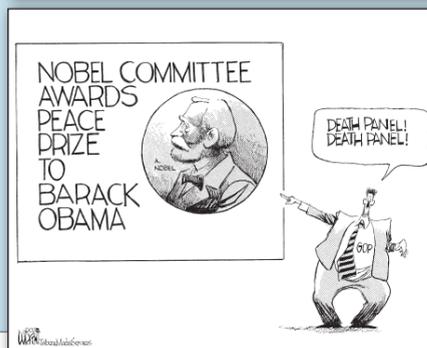
#### HENRY KISSINGER CORECIPIENT 1973

Helped create the Vietnam Peace Accords and was privy to the secret bombings of Cambodia from 1969 - 1975.

#### CHARLES G. DAWES CORECIPIENT 1925

Chaired the Dawes Committee, which drafted the unsuccessful Dawes Plan for German war reparations after World War I.

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## ILLUSTRATING THE ISSUES:



# Opinions

## Riding to hit the bottle

### The implications of nighttime BioBuses



**Marlena Chertock**  
Columnist

Let's be honest. On the weekends, many intoxicated students roam the campus, walking or driving to and from various parties. Some walk home alone, putting themselves at risk. Others choose to catch a ride with their friends, thus engaging in drunk driving. Students have opened their inboxes to find warnings from Vice President and Dean of Student Life Smith Jackson about accidents caused by drinking.

Should Elon come to terms with reality and try to change these habits? Is it the university's responsibility to ensure party-goers' safe return home?

Safe Rides and E-Rides were created for this very reason. Both services provide nightly rides to students for free.

But are these services enough? Not according to senior Dan Miller, who has recently created a Facebook group entitled, "Late night BIOBUS!"

Miller is proposing one of three phases, as he called it. He is currently writing up a formal proposal, to be finished once the Facebook group reaches 500 people, along with a petition. As of press time, the group has already reached more than 900 members.

Junior Katie Metts is working toward the same goal by trying to make BioBus routes more beneficial. For example, she proposes adding another stop at the Koury Business Center to the Trollinger route.

Phase 1: Add BioBus service late at night with a few stops. This can help with the safety and convenience of students. Have the buses run 11 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Thursday through Saturday. This would take the load off of E-Rides and Safe Rides.

Phase 2: Reverse the roles of the BioBus and Safe Rides. Have the BioBus at night and the van and two sedans in the morning, as a call-request sort of setup.

Phase 3: Keep the BioBus during the day, add it at night and get rid of E-Rides and Safe Rides.

Miller feels that Phase 1 has the fewest problems. "I asked one of the drivers at the peak throughout the day how many students are on the (BioBus). He

said seven. The buses can hold 30 to 50 people," Miller said.

He believes students choose not to ride the BioBuses because the stops are infrequent, are 20 minutes apart and there is no straight-shot back to campus.

"It feels like a waste of time to wait ... it's almost better to walk," he said.

For the nightly van services "there is a huge demand and not enough supply ... usually the wait is between 20 minutes to over an hour," Miller said.

One of the reasons for this wait is the call-request model the nighttime services provide.

"Students move around a lot, cancel ... it takes a lot of manpower versus having one bus," he said.

Is the issue at stake safety versus reputation?

"There are a lot of intoxicated students walking around the streets at night in low-lit places," Miller said. "If safety is one of the number one factors, (implementing these plans) would increase safety. It's very tempting to just drive home. We don't want to promote that. That's worse than a bus of drunk people."

Miller makes a good point, but is it up to Elon to ensure the safety of drunken students? It's a person's own responsibility to stay safe. These students would be taking advantage of the university, getting a form of special treatment as a result of the choices they are making.

The rest of the population, and those who choose not to drink, shouldn't have to suffer because of those who do. The buses would possibly become rowdy and hazardous. This may mean hiring additional security and police staff, which could be costly.

The nightly vans that Safe Rides and E-Rides provide are voluntary. Elon should not be endorsing this sort of behavior, which would be a side effect of using BioBuses at night to transport drunken students wherever they need to go.

What Elon has to keep in mind when making a decision about BioBuses at night or keeping the current system as is, is whether or not it would promote safety or make the school look like a clown. What would benefit the most students is one way to decide. Upholding the school's alcohol policy is the other.

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## Indifference vs. benevolence



**Sarah Costello**  
Columnist

Human suffering has prompted scholars, educators and philosophers to explore the age-old question "Where is God?" When chaos and calamity occur, the natural inclination is to demand answers for the unprecedented events. For some, suffering is the dominant roadblock preventing them from accepting the existence of a higher power.

Bart D. Erhman is one such man. The professor and department chair of religious studies at the University of North Carolina is a self-proclaimed agnostic who vacated his Christian principles after arriving at the conclusion that the existence of suffering discredits the existence of God.

On Oct. 7, Erhman and Christian apologist and renowned author Dinesh D'Souza engaged in a debate at UNC to address "God and the problem of suffering." Erhman used emotionally-based arguments, such as his background and personal experiences, while D'Souza took a more logical approach.

Erhman and D'Souza agree there are two types of suffering: moral evil and natural suffering. Moral evil relates to human-inflicted suffering, while natural suffering includes uncontrollable catastrophes. Erhman's study of the Bible led to his agnosticism because while God continually intervened in scriptures, his hand is not evident today.

"I became increasingly disturbed about why God doesn't do anything (today)," Erhman said. "If God answers prayer, why doesn't he?"

Erhman argued that global suffering — mass genocides, war, disease and poverty — are indicators of a God-free world.

"I gave up my faith," Erhman said. "Why would God create a world like this? Couldn't he have created a world that didn't require (suffering) and the shifting of tectonic plates?"

Yes, God could have created a perfect world, but he chose to create beings with an ability to make their own decisions and follow his commandments voluntarily. Apologist C.S. Lewis explained in "Mere Christianity" that God did not create evil. Rather, evil is a perversion of what is good. Evil and suffering are the result of man's disobedience.

"Suffering does not call into question the existence of God, but the nature of God," D'Souza said.

If a father disappoints his child, D'Souza said, the child will not say, "I refuse to believe in you." Instead, the child may question his father's character, but to immediately discredit his existence would be illogical.

"God's design was not that he would be a cosmic bell-hop, but to create autonomous beings to deal with situations as we should," D'Souza said.

According to Erhman's argument, God can't exist because suffering is prevalent. So how can we account for the good: a newborn baby, a sunrise or the unexplained healing of a cancer patient? Do people do good by second nature, or is it just chance? If God must be good to exist, how can there be any good without him? If human nature is to commit moral evil, our nature cannot be good.

It may seem easier to live life without surrendering to a god who requires sacrifice. Somewhere along the way, Erhman decided life is too hard to commit to an unseen god. But his alternative is a depressing one. Erhman believes all we have is now.

His philosophy is "eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die," and by the way, try and stop world poverty while indulging in lovemaking and beer, an idea he proposed to the audience.

D'Souza said humans are like ants on a construction site with a tiny window into reality. What kind of ant questions the actions of a builder who can see the whole picture? We may never understand suffering in its full context. But I'd rather follow a god of mystery than live an empty and hopeless life.

## The GOP's bluster without focus



**Ryan Maass**  
Columnist

In 1994, the Republican Party made a firm political move that would define governmental policy throughout the remainder of the decade. Democratic President Bill Clinton found himself forced to compromise with GOP leaders, passing laws that many of members of his own party found unacceptable.

Now, as 2010 continues to draw near, the Democrats seem to be on their last legs. With an approval rating of 21 percent, Congress is in position to see some radical changes. Unfortunately for conservatives, the Republicans are blowing it by failing to take advantage of the situation.

While the Democrats are beginning to pull further apart from one another about issues such as health care and foreign policy, Republicans have remained, for the most part, silent. Republicans in Congress have failed to offer up decent alternatives to health care reform.

Although they have managed to demonize the public option enough for even some Democrats to consider dropping the whole idea, the GOP has done little else to advance their own cause.

This is not to say that the case for conservatism is dead. Media pundits have made a powerful statement against big-government ambitions. Conservative news commentators, including Neil Cavuto, Sean Hannity and Glenn Beck, heavily promoted TEA Party protests on Fox News, which is resoundingly the highest-rated cable news network.

Outspoken talk radio king Rush Limbaugh is as active as ever, making it very clear that he sees the current administration's failures as successes

for the American people. Various other protests have broken out, as citizens enraged by the idea of excessive government solutions and wasteful spending have begun to renounce the idea of partisanship in general and take to the streets in protest.

According to the Pew Research Center, support for both of the major parties has decreased significantly, and the amount of people who consider themselves "independents" is at an all-time high at 36 percent for the year 2009.

These independents usually favor fiscal conservatism, combined with social liberalism or libertarianism. This trend may be a victory for conservatives, but not at all for the Republican Party. But none of the previously mentioned pundits are running for office.

Still, disenfranchised conservatives are rallying behind their cause and making their positions known to the media and to politicians alike.

The 9/12 Project brought many voters to rally together in Washington, D.C., making it clear that more and more Americans are starting to see big government control as a fault of both major political parties. Could this lead to the development of an alternative right-wing party to replace the GOP?

Most likely not — the Libertarians continue to retain their marginalized cult-like status. Ross Perot's Reform Party was the last successful third-party, racking 19 percent of the popular vote when he ran for president in 1993. For now, voters on the right are stuck with the GOP.

Republican leaders need to wake up. The longer the GOP allows the plea of its constituencies to fall upon deaf ears, the more dissent will inevitably arise. Such sentiment could have just as much of a negative impact on Republicans as it will have on the Democrats.

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# ImagineElon

A LOOK AT THE UNIVERSITY'S  
PROPOSED STRATEGIC PLAN:  
**'EXCELLENT MINDS AND INSPIRED  
HEARTS FOR THE GLOBAL GOOD'**

In an effort to expand upon the major strides Elon University has made during the last decade, President Leo Lambert and the university's administration have proposed a new strategic plan, Imagine Elon, that will offer eight major goals for the school during the next 10 years.

Since Lambert was named president of Elon College in 1999, the school has become a university, moved into Division I NCAA athletics, opened the Schools of Communications and Education and, this year, completed a long-term strategic plan, New Century @ Elon.

"The vision statement for the New Century plan was for Elon to be a national model for engaged learning, founded upon our traditions of innovation and community," Lambert said.

The plan attempted to bring the academic programs to recognized national and international standards of excellence, he said, pointing out the accreditation of the Schools of Business and Communications and the creation of the Elon School of Law.

The national rankings for Elon improved with every year throughout the scope of the New Century @ Elon plan. The school's Web site boasts multiple reports ranging from being designated the No. 1 "school to watch" and the "leader in engaged learning" to being a "best value" private university. These rankings all came within the last four years and were awarded by publications like Newsweek-Kaplan, the Princeton Review and Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine.

With the conclusion of New Century @ Elon and in light of the significant changes it has made on campus, the administration hopes to continue the process, this time with higher goals. The plan now, building on the foundation laid by the past strategic plan, is a more focused approach, targeting specific areas of campus life and academics that had to be overlooked for broad expansion in the past decade.

"We are not, therefore, beginning a new strategic plan from scratch," Lambert said in his address to faculty and staff at the 2008 planning week meeting. "Much groundwork has already been prepared ... And while all of this groundwork we have laid will give us a great foundation to build upon, I hope we will also be ready to entertain other bold and inspirational new ideas as well."

The proposed name for this new plan is Imagine Elon. Last weekend, the plan was discussed by trustees and the administration at a retreat with the president.

"I think, when we think about where Elon is going next, it is going to be about the level of accomplishment of each of our students to be the very best mind, to have the very best heart that they can have and to go out into the world to do the incredibly good work that is going to have benefit for the greater good," Lambert said.

## A PLAN FOR ELON'S FUTURE

The Imagine Elon plan is a broad-based look at almost every facet of campus and hopes to expand upon the large changes that have already taken effect at the school since the days of the Fighting Christian.

"A decade ago, the Elon community imagined a different place for students and then built it — a new and innovative approach to higher education ... Today, we consider Elon University's future and understand more fully the interconnections of our global community," reads the closing paragraph of the draft.

After a retreat with the Board of Trustees last weekend, Lambert said the discussions on the draft were effective.

"The Board, as expected, gave us more homework to do," he said.

The rest of the semester will entail more research and greater editing on the part of the administration and the committee charged with drafting the plan, he said.

Lambert hopes for the Imagine Elon strategic plan to be voted on around final exams in December. He said if it passes, the plan hopefully will take effect starting Jan. 1.

## PREPARING STUDENTS FOR A CONTEMPORARY GLOBAL SOCIETY

Following the trend that has become the norm at Elon during the past 15 years, ever since the inception of the Global Experience core curriculum in 1994, Imagine Elon plans to expand the university's global perspective. This ranges from bringing more diversity to campus in the form of faculty, staff and students, to a goal set to "double the institutionally funded need-based financial aid through the Ever Elon Campaign and future campaigns, supporting a student body that more accurately reflects the world," according to the draft of the plan.

Lambert said he felt the aspect of diversity on campus to be the most important of all the goals included in Imagine Elon.

"I think the most important thing that Elon needs to do over the course of the next decade is to raise a lot more money to support scholarships for students with financial need. This is at the crux of trying to make Elon a more diverse institution," he said.

Janet Warman, English and education professor and director of general studies, said the Global Experience core course would benefit from more international students and faculty.

"We don't really have a diversity of opinions on campus until we have a diverse campus," she said.

## MAKING NEW INVESTMENTS IN FACULTY AND STAFF

In expanding academic programs on campus, the proposed Imagine Elon plan hopes to make "investments in professional development," according to the draft of the plan. This includes allowing flexibility for pursuing advanced degrees, short-term sabbaticals, "efforts to make the teacher-scholar model at Elon as vibrant as possible" and ultimately to create a program dealing with the leadership development of faculty and staff.

"Supporting our faculty and staff in their own professional and intellectual development is another important part of this plan," Lambert said.

He said a cornerstone of the plan is the Presidential Task Force on Scholarship report, which is a six-year plan laid out by faculty to provide students with the "richest and best education possible."

## MAINTAINING ELON'S POSITION AS A BEST-VALUE UNIVERSITY

The draft of Imagine Elon states the university provides a tuition rate that is \$10,000 to \$15,000 below many private universities.

"Elon must take wise steps," the draft said, "to guard the price advantage and implement a financial model that balances spending and reallocation of enrollment growth, tuition increase and fundraising."

The plan seeks to expand enrollment of graduates and undergraduates on campus, as well as targeting a growth rate of tuition and room and board costs. Also set as a goal is the hope of fundraising beyond the Ever Elon campaign.

## GAINING A ROLE OF NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN HIGHER EDUCATION

According to Dan Anderson, assistant president and director of University Relations, the Imagine Elon plan is about "developing programs to the top level of excellence." The draft of the plan specifically states a goal to achieve higher recognition in this way. "An academic program will be challenged to new levels," he said.

"Through the initiatives of this plan, we intend to move from its present position as an emerging force in higher education, to become a university of true national prominence," the draft said.

"I think that many of us feel that, through the Imagine Elon vision strategic plan, which is an explicit part of the vision statement, we will be — and to be recognized as — a preeminent institution on the eastern seaboard ... I think we're at a point of feeling more confident about the institution and feeling that the next level of recognitions and achievements that we hope to see from Elon are going to come as a result of the accomplishments of our students, our faculty and our staff," Lambert said.

## FURTHER DEVELOPING CAMPUS

Alongside an associated facilities master plan, the proposed Imagine Elon strategic plan has aspirations to improve the physical aspects of campus. This includes creating additional space for science and the School of Communications, constructing an auditorium to expand Moseley Center and the addition of a field house next to Rhodes Stadium, which is already

in its beginning stages. Other construction projects listed by the master plan include constructing a multi-story construction of an additional student housing investment to a retail business and an implementation of an environmental master plan.



LINDSAY FENDT | Staff Photographer  
Programs like DEEP, above, and El Centro, below, help to encourage diversity among students within the community.

## CREATING NEW PATHWAYS FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE EDUCATION

One of the plans laid out by the Imagine Elon proposal includes simplifying the process for pursuing two Elon degrees, "an undergraduate, liberal arts-based experience followed by a professional master's degree," the draft said.

This plan also seeks to add new programs to Elon's current set of five graduate programs. Specifically, the draft mentions health, science, education, business and communications as programs that would be expanded. Another proposed idea is a gap year program which, according to the draft, would be an "opportunity to grow and mature, experience the world outside of an educational institution and to reflect on personal and life goals."



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The university hopes to expand programs similar to Student Undergraduate Research Forum that will encourage undergraduate students to complete research. Stefanie Meyers, '09 alumna, presented at the 2009 SURF last spring.



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor  
With the help of coaches like head football coach Pete Lembo, Elon aims to match the athletic programs of University of Richmond, Davidson College and College of William and Mary.

## ADVANCING PHOENIX ATHLETICS

After a rise to Division IAA and new, greater achievements with every season played by teams at Elon, the athletics department has earned a steady stream of respect since the days of Elon College. The Imagine Elon plan looks to incorporate this growth with the overall enhancement of Elon.

"A successful athletics program contributes to a sense of community and institutional pride, is of great interest to students and alumni and contributes greatly to national visibility," the draft said.

Lambert said he sees Elon competing academically and athletically with schools like University of Richmond, Davidson College and the College of William and Mary, and winning more conference championships.

The plan also lays out goals which integrate athletics with scholarship. Specifically stated in the draft is a plan to build a convocation center which would house a "showcase facility for Phoenix athletics and, equally important, meeting the critical campus need for a large venue to host community events."

Lambert said he hopes this center will host major speaking events, maybe even presidential debates alongside the athletic program uses.



PHOTO SUBMITTED  
Senior Patrick McCabe, front, rides an elephant as part of his Winter Term trip to India, where he participated in a traveling science museum.

## DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF ALUMNI LEADERS AND PHILANTHROPISTS

Although Director of Alumni Relations Sallie Hutton said the program uses a five-year strategic plan of its own to organize its goals, she also said the two plans will work closely together.

Hutton said 59 percent of alumni from Elon are 40 years old or younger. The draft for Imagine Elon looks at using new forms of communication to connect this group of younger alumni to establish stronger connections among students, the university and alumni. Hutton built on this idea by pointing out the usefulness of Facebook to the current young alumni

population, a group having graduated within the last 10 years.

Networking and connecting through new media is important to young alumni, Hutton said, because that "will always be of paramount importance for our alumni as they're going about their careers and lives."

She also mentioned the potential for building a North campus center for alumni relations that would serve as a meeting house and become more of a part of Elon's main campus. A place, she said, to "basically just have (the alumni) gathering spot, their place on campus to call home."

## BY THE NUMBERS

ELON RANKINGS

**No. 1**

school to watch, according to U.S. News & World Report

**No. 1**

in total cost category, according to Kiplinger's personal Finance Magazine

**No. 2**

among southern master's level universities, according to U.S. News & World Report

**6th**

best MBA program in the nation, according to The Princeton Review

**11th**

most beautiful campus, according to the Princeton Review

**18**

ACEJMC-accredited communications schools in the country, which Elon is a member of

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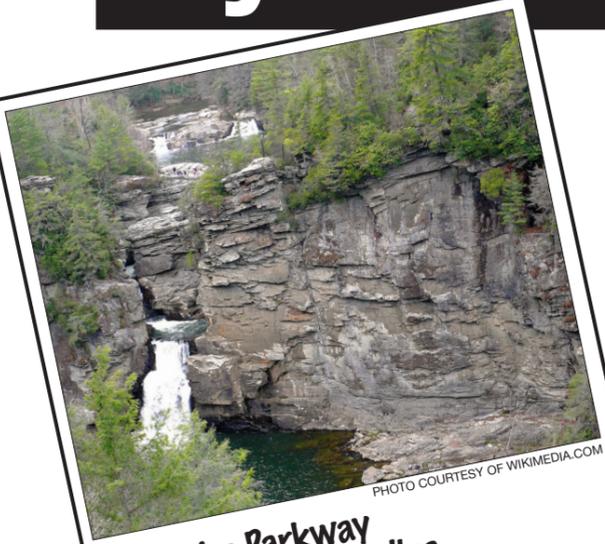


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## Blue Ridge Parkway Western North Carolina

**Distance from Elon: 160 miles**  
**Approximate drive time: 3 hours**

Called America's original scenic drive, the Blue Ridge Parkway is a winding road along the edge of North Carolina's Appalachian Mountains. The stunning mountain views are dotted with points of interest like Linville Falls, a craggy, multi-tiered waterfall, and Chimney Rock, a unique rock formation that overlooks a gorge and lake.

For an extra treat, head to Boone, N.C., and take the parkway South to Asheville. On the trip back, stop by Black Mountain, a popular historic and resort community.

## Find your ideal FALL BREAK GETAWAY

Compiled by Rachel Cieri  
Features Editor



Let's face it — fall break is that awkward time when students are never sure what to do. For out-of-state students, it's not always worth the hassle of the day-long drive home and back, but sticking around a deserted campus isn't the most fun way to spend a few days off.

Instead, try one of these quick, fun roadtrips to get just far enough away.



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## W. Kerr Scott Dam and Reservoir Wilkesboro, N.C.

**Distance from Elon: 105 miles**  
**Approximate drive time: 1 hour, 45 minutes**

This U.S. Army-managed park has the right combination of activities for the active student who wants to get away from the daily hustle and bustle. With 14 different facilities and three campgrounds, the lakeside parks offer hiking and biking trails, beaches, boating, hunting and fishing. Located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the area is the old stomping ground of the Cherokee tribe and explorers like Daniel Boone.

Not a fan of camping? Visitors can stay in the historic town of Wilkesboro, located just a few minutes east.



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## Colonial Williamsburg Williamsburg, Va.

**Distance from Elon: 230 miles**  
**Approximate drive time: 3 hours, 45 minutes**

Tri-cornered hats and petticoats bring the 18th century off the pages of a textbook and into reality with Colonial Williamsburg's historical reenactments. With more than 30 historic buildings and sites open to tourists, visitors will be busy for days learning how the wealthy elite, common tradesmen and poor slaves once lived. Whether interested in politics, religion, nature or military, there is something for everyone.

Done with history and ready for a little modern fun? Visit Busch Gardens theme park just a few minutes down the road.

## The Biltmore Estate Asheville, N.C.

**Distance from Elon: 195 miles**  
**Approximate drive time: 3 hours**

Students don't have to wait for their Winter Term trips to Europe to see a castle. As America's largest home, the Biltmore Estate features 250 rooms, a banquet hall with 70-foot high ceilings, a 10,000-volume library and original masterpiece art. When done exploring the luxurious home, visitors can spend the day in the 8,000-acre "backyard" with

carriage rides, horseback riding, river float trips and even Land Rover driving. Students of age can visit the estate's winery.

This time of year is perfect for college students short on cash to visit. Biltmore is currently offering a \$10 discount for tickets purchased online for any day except Saturday.



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## The Outer Banks Kill Devil Hills and Cape Hatteras, N.C.

**Distance from Elon: 265 miles**  
**Approximate drive time: 5 hours**

It might not be 80 degrees and sunny, but North Carolina's Outer Banks can be just as fun in the offseason as they are in the summer. Start with a visit to Kill Devil Hills (near Kitty Hawk) and see the Wright Brothers National Memorial where the first airplane was flown in 1903. Then move down the coast to Cape Hatteras to see a classic black-and-white striped lighthouse, and be sure to make a stop at Ocracoke Island, a historic coastal town connected to Blackbeard the pirate.

Sunbathing might not be on the agenda for an October trip to the coast, but kite-flying, boat rides and scenic views are still in full swing.



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## NASCAR Banking 500 Concord, N.C.

**Distance from Elon: 95 miles**  
**Approximate drive time: 1 hour, 40 minutes**

Just in time for Fall Break, Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte will host the NASCAR Banking 500 race Saturday. Experience a Southern tradition complete with country music, hot dogs and screaming fans in cowboy hats while watching a pivotal race in the NASCAR Sprint Cup series. Entertainment at the race will include Eric Church, MercyMe and TobyMac, as well as local high school bands and cheerleaders.

This race is home to Carolina CollegeFest, where participating students can play cornhole, listen to live music and watch college football from a special viewing area.



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## A GUIDE TO COLLEGIATE CAR CARE

# Students face challenges, seek solutions to keeping their rides rollin'

Julie Cerick  
Reporter

Of all the red, flashing warning signs — laptop batteries dying, cell phones failing, the microwave going off — the one that is most highly ignored by students is perhaps the eerie red light that blinks in any vehicle when something goes wrong.

With an abundant amount of student vehicles on Elon's campus, when an engine fails, the air conditioner breaks or the muffler falls off, car experts say students should know how to fix the problem without calling their family support systems.

Elon and Burlington are sprinkled with car dealerships and service centers — many of them located on South Church Street and Haggard Avenue. Problems arise frequently, and a common culprit is the failed oil change.

"The most frequent and biggest problem we see students come in with has to do with oil changes," Billy Allen of Cox Toyota Supercenter said.

According to Allen it is important, especially with the amount of driving done on campus, for a car to get an annual checkup. To avoid these problems, students need to make an appointment.

"I see a lot of problems with oil changes, as well as broken AC," Joel Hyder of Carolina Nissan said. "All students have to do is have their car checked. It is fairly simple."

As for oil changes, Allen said there shouldn't be excuses for letting it get bad.

"Most new cars have a 'maintenance required' light, but many students disregard this and drive on," he said. "As soon as that light goes on, get (your car) in as soon as possible."

Seasons are changing, and with the colder weather setting in experts say this is an important time to ensure cars

are dependable.

"The biggest, most important thing that anyone could do before the cold weather sets in is to check the antifreeze," Hyder said.

He also said tire pressures need to be consistent. They should be at 35 pounds per square inch.

Allen said antifreeze must be at 32 degrees below zero at all times.

"Do not wait to do this," he said. "Get it done before cold weather, and drive it to be safe."

All dealerships make checkups fairly easy to handle. Toyota features a free trip check, so the next time a big road trip is being planned, such as driving home for a break, Toyota owners can stop by the North Church Street location.

"You do not want to go either 5,000 miles or five months without getting your car checked, no matter what make your car is," Allen said.

Westcott Buick-Pontiac-Isuzu-GMC on South Church Street services an array of car brands including Ford, GM, and Japanese models.

Allen said the engine could be a different story, though.

"Engine problems are a pretty big deal, and there are a lot of different kinds," he said. "I would say don't get over 90,000 miles or five years without getting your engine checked."

One rumor — running out of gas is horrible for a car — has been busted.

"In older cars, it used to be a problem because it would ruin the car, but today, it's not going to do anything to your car," Hyder said. "The only problem you'll run into is getting stranded."

Whether it's the check engine light or an indicator to check oil, waiting until the last possible moment is not safe. With so many students driving vehicles around, it is better to be safe than sorry and broke.

## DISCOUNTS AND DEALS

### Being a Phoenix offers financial perks

Compiled by Amanda Bender  
Reporter

Students understand the challenges of living paycheck-to-paycheck or allowance-to-allowance. Fortunately, some local businesses realize students have financial constraints and are willing to help by offering discounts specifically for Elon students.

#### DINING

**116 Oak:** Receive 25 percent off an appetizer from 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, or from 9:30 -10:30 p.m. on Fridays or Saturdays

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**Simply Thai:** Receive 10 percent off your meal

#### AUTO SERVICES

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**AAMCO Burlington:** Receive a free transcan or check engine light scan

#### CAMPUS TECHNOLOGY

**Apple Computers:** Receive 4 to 8 percent off some Apple computers and a full warranty

**Dell Computers:** Receive 3 to 6 percent off Dell computers, a full warranty and accidental damage coverage

**Microsoft Office:** Try it for 24 hours for free, or purchase it for \$10

**Adobe Suite:** Receive an 80 percent discount if purchased at <http://www.schoolworld.com/elon> through the student licensing program

#### OTHER LOCAL BUSINESSES

**The Acorn Inn:** Receive the Elon University discount for your friends and family of \$5 off each night

**Solteria:** Receive 15 percent off each purchase

**C&R Outdoor:** Receive 10 percent off all regular-priced North Face items, Elon merchandise and ski or snowboard rentals or repairs

Other businesses may not offer special discounts for Elon students, but some do have college or student pricing available with school identification. The Burlington Royals, Carousel Cinemas and the N.C. Zoo all offer discounted prices for college students.

Amtrak offers the Student Advantage Card, which provides discounts on train fare across the country, and can be purchased online or by mail for \$22.50 for one year and \$10 for each additional year.

Ask your favorite stores to learn more about the possibility of student discounts.

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# LOCAL BUSINESSES



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**A1 Brews in Burlington carries 350 local and imported beers. Customers can purchase beer in six-packs or by the bottle.**

## Beer all you can beer

Local shop offers unique selection of local, imported brews

**Rebecca Dotson**  
 Reporter

For anyone who has become bored with the same old six-pack, A1 Brews in Burlington has a new option to add a little flavor into the mix.

Located on St. Marks Church Road, A1 Brews is a specialty beer shop that recently relocated from Mebane. Owner Tom Gamble provides customers with 350 different beer options, some imported and others microbrews. Gamble encourages visitors to ask for beers he does not currently carry.

"If there's something we don't have and you want it, we'll do our best to get it," Gamble said.

One of Gamble's repeat clients, who he deems "a beer geek," has requested and received at least three types of beer from overseas. Most of A1 Brews' clientele has been from the community, but Gamble hopes Elon students will use his store to get beers they love from home.

Gamble's zeal for beer began when he worked as a professor at Alamance Community College teaching small business classes.

For those classes, he had his students research and plan out the opening of their own businesses. He also took part in the assignment, researching North Carolina breweries. Gamble was surprised to find that in 2006, the state claimed six awards at the Great American Beer Festival.

After more research, Gamble decided to open his own business, selling beers primarily from North Carolina but also carrying brews from 20 other states. Gamble opened his business in Mebane in 2008, but when the opportunity arose for him to move into a

store with larger space, he changed his location to Burlington, and opened just last month.

One of the biggest advantages of A1 Brews' new location is the additional space for two coolers, allowing customers to purchase some beers pre-chilled.

A1 Brews offers the opportunity to purchase beers in six-packs or by the bottle. If purchased individually, customers can create their own six-packs by combining any variety of beer.

"This lets people who don't know what they like try an array of beers," Gamble said.

The price for six-packs ranges from less than \$10 to \$17, and after purchasing 12 six-packs, customers receive one complimentary pack.

Gamble is currently offering specialty summer beers at 30 percent off.

Each Friday, the store offers themed tastings from 3 to 7 p.m. This Friday's sampling will be "Oktoberfest," allowing visitors to try six to eight different fall brews.

During the tastings, Gamble will provide information on where the beers come from, how they are made, what flavors the customer should look for and the proper ways to enjoy the beers.

As Gamble explained, to get the full taste of the beer, one must use the proper glass, swirl the beer, sip a little, let it sit in your mouth to get the feel of it and then savor the flavor.

Gamble said he is willing to work with larger groups to arrange special tastings outside of the weekly tastings on Fridays.

A1 Brews is also working with Piedmont Ale House to host a beer dinner, where each meal will be paired with beers from Duck-Rabbit Brewery.

## Hidden Hobbies: Gibsonville's Bobby Summers provides fun for all

**Lauren Ramsdell**  
 Reporter

Downtown Gibsonville has a secret, and his name is Bobby Summers.

Summers is the owner and proprietor of Bobby's Hobbies and Bobby's World of Trains. Born and raised in Gibsonville, Summers has deep ties to the area. For more than 16 years, he has served the hobby enthusiasts in Gibsonville and the surrounding areas.

Bobby's Hobbies is packed wall-to-wall with boxes of model cars, airplanes, figurines, motors and even puzzles. If patrons ask nicely, Summers will walk them across the street to Bobby's World of Trains, which, as the name suggests, is devoted to model trains only. Both stores reflect facets of Summers' eventful 77-year life.

"I made models when I was growing up," Summers said. "The kids don't do that much nowadays."

After leaving high school, Summers joined the Air Force and served on the aircraft carrier the USS Tarawa for four years. After returning home and working for his father, Summers went to night school at Walter Williams High School in Burlington to complete his education.

Summers then joined the Norfolk Southern Railroad, where he worked for the next 34 years. Summers rode in a caboose similar to the one next

to the tracks in Gibsonville's town square.

"I helped buy that caboose for the town," he said. Summers retired to his hometown and set up his hobby store.

"It keeps me busy, and it keeps me away from the wife's 'honey-do' list," he said.

Summers' wife is the only other help he gets in running the two shops. If a customer needs a part from a different store, he will often lock up one location and open the other.

He likens running the hobby stores to a hobby in-and-of itself.

"It gives me a little extra spending money, other than my retirement," he said.

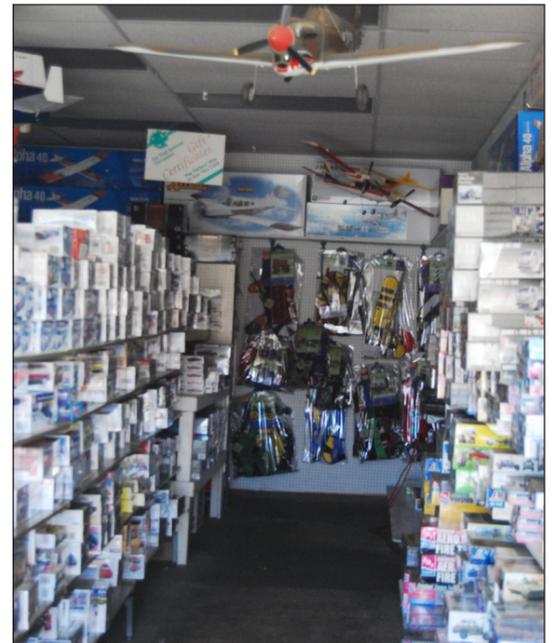
Summers takes great pride in his stores. When customers walk in the door, he frequently greets them by name and inquires about their latest projects.

"The reason all of these mom and pop stores are still around is because we give them service, not like at those big-box places where all the employee knows how to do is run the cash register," Summers said.

If patrons have questions, Summers will demonstrate and walk them through particular techniques. Just don't be rude.

"I send 'em out the door," he said with a laugh.

Visiting Bobby's Hobbies or Bobby's World of Trains is an experience in old-fashioned small town hospitality.



LAUREN RAMSDELL | Photographer  
**Bobby Summers owns Bobby's Hobbies and Bobby's World of Trains in Gibsonville. Bobby's Hobbies, above, features model cars, airplanes, figurines, motors and puzzles.**

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Used a spade
- 4 "Look what I did!"
- 8 Accident
- 14 Fertility lab eggs
- 15 Baghdad's country
- 16 Francia neighbor
- 17 "Evil Asian doctor in Sax Rohmer novels"
- 19 Contaminates
- 20 Blow, as one's lines
- 21 "There oughta be \_\_\_"
- 23 South American mountain chain
- 24 Second largest planet
- 26 Scalawag
- 28 Seek damages
- 29 Category
- 30 Polish Nobelist
- 33 Workout aftereffects
- 36 "We'll always have \_\_\_": Rick, to Ilsa, in "Casablanca"
- 38 "Get off the stage!"
- 39 Satisfied laugh
- 41 Transfers to a central computer
- 43 Whisperer's target
- 44 Smooths, as wood
- 46 Wetlands bird
- 47 Compact \_\_\_
- 49 Sheet on the road, perhaps

- 50 Cartoonist's frame
- 51 Like steamy prose
- 53 Ogden native
- 57 Alexander of "Seinfeld"
- 59 Truth stretcher
- 61 Daffy
- 62 Thunderstruck
- 64 Each answer to a starred clue is a type of this
- 66 Wall Street worker
- 67 Yemen coastal city
- 68 "\_\_\_-Tiki"
- 69 Tijuana snooze
- 70 Lean to one side, at sea
- 71 Lay down the lawn

#### DOWN

- 1 Tips in a gentlemanly manner
- 2 Soft palate dangler
- 3 Full range
- 4 Main element in pewter
- 5 Mysterious
- 6 Wonka's creator
- 7 Sea-life displays
- 8 Queens ballplayer
- 9 Violinist Stern
- 10 \_\_\_ cord: chiropractor's concern
- 11 "Scooter" feature
- 12 Pot starter
- 13 Student's permission slip
- 18 Maligning sort
- 22 \*Tusked mammal
- 25 Deteriorates, as iron
- 27 Hop along happily
- 31 Programmer's output
- 32 Emcee
- 33 Served perfectly
- 34 Indian spiced tea
- 35 \*Trotter's footwear item
- 36 \*Eyebrow cosmetic applicator
- 37 Hard rain?
- 40 Café lightener
- 42 Dakota Native American
- 45 Point in math class?
- 48 Froggy chorus
- 50 Foiled villain's shout
- 52 First stage
- 54 Pawns
- 55 Cold sufferer's outburst
- 56 Incessantly
- 57 Setup punches
- 58 Prefix with culture
- 60 Bavaria-based automaker
- 63 Musical syllable
- 65 "The Closer" TV station

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# Dave Barnes brings the love

Paul Mirek  
Reporter

By the time Dave Barnes's soulful strumming began late Friday night, Lighthouse was packed with shouting fans. This is the result of two important recent changes: the opening of Lighthouse to non-Elon students and, more importantly, the Student Union Board's dedication to bringing music to Lighthouse every other Friday night.

Sub co-chairs senior Kevin Clang and sophomore Jenna Thrash were there early to set up for the show. Clang said of the potential acts SUB had to choose from for its Fall Show, Barnes "was the favorite." And when the singer's blend of soulful harmonizing and Dave Matthews-style improvisation (backed by a full band) began, it was easy to see why.

Although both commented they had not sold as many tickets as they had hoped in the preceding weeks, Thrash said a lot of people were coming from out of town for the show.

"We're expecting a pretty big night," Clang said.

The opening acts were Andrew Ripp, a solo singer-songwriter, and Brother Brother, a pop-rock group that definitely had some fans in the audience — some of whom drove more than two hours for the show.

The crowd was suitably warmed up by these two groups, especially when Brother Brother played its premiere song, "Can I Borrow Your Smile?," which the singer said was inspired by his conversations with monks at his school. He also admitted his excitement for the night's events.

"(This is probably) the best night of my life," Brother Brother's frontman said. "I am probably Dave Barnes's

number one fan."

Barnes came on to great applause and ripped into a song before introducing himself formally. Throughout the show, he bantered with the audience, encouraging the feeling of goodwill that spread throughout the night.

"I love you, Dave Barnes," one audience member shouted.

"The feeling's mutual," Barnes said.

Barnes also contributed to the community feeling by thanking his supporting acts and inviting Ripp up on stage to join him in singing a song.

As for the music itself, it rode the line between joyous pop-rock songs with resounding choruses and soulful slow-dance love songs. The balance was well planned and the fans in the audience sang along and danced to their favorites.

The most emotional moment of the night was when Barnes asked the audience to quiet down so he could take a few moments to talk about something very important to him. He described his trip to Africa earlier in the year, where he visited a village whose residents were dying of thirst. Since his return, Barnes has been raising money and has already built two wells, but needs at least twice that many for the whole village.

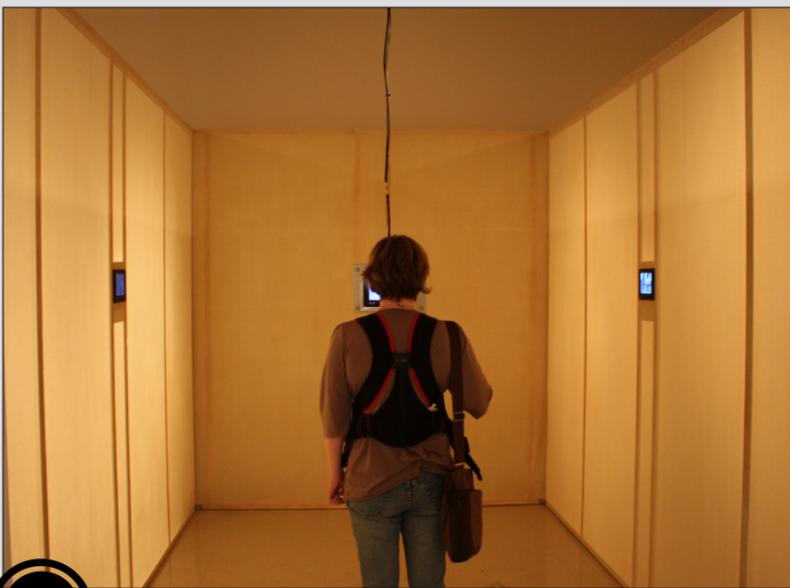
He encouraged people to join the "Mocha Club," so called because it involves a cost of \$7 per month — almost the price of a couple of coffees. Joining will help him reach his goal, and to add encouragement he promised a free CD to anyone who joined that night.

Thrash said upcoming SUB events at Lighthouse include a Halloween party with Anonymous on Oct. 31 and a performance by the band Florez on Nov. 6.



DANIEL KOCH | Photographer

TOP: Dave Barnes performs at Lighthouse as a part of Student Union Board's Friday night program. ABOVE: Dave Barnes, third from top right, stands with members from SUB outside Lighthouse.



JUSTINE SCHULERUD | Staff Photographer

Arts West new gallery features non-traditional art created by University of North Carolina Chapel Hill multimedia lab director Mark Robinson, above left, and North Carolina School of the Arts drawing professor Will Taylor, above right.

## AN EXPERIENTIAL EXHIBIT

### Arts West opens new gallery

Lauren Ramsdell  
Reporter

Art can be many things — a painting, a photograph, a sculpture, even a film. Rarely, though, is it a room with walls made of latex.

Well, not just latex. Three makeshift muslin walls, coated in latex, with eight-inch LCD screens in the center and one screen dangling from the ceiling make up the latest gallery installation in Arts West.

Artists Mark Robinson and Will Taylor have spent the last four years on the project and are now showcasing it at Elon. The gallery opened the evening of Oct. 8.

Each screen broadcasts a loop of overlaid film images tracked to a mélange of unearthly and disturbing sounds. Images of centipedes crawling over a rock are melded with an echocardiogram image, while shots of a prison, a spacewalk and a piano are superimposed upon each other. Successfully viewing the images requires one to get very close to the screen, coupling the viewing experience with the stink of latex and the thudding music.

Taylor is a teacher of drawing at the North Carolina School of the Arts with a background in painting, while Robinson is the multimedia lab director at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. Together, their varied backgrounds and interests create unique visual art borders on the philosophical. They insist that questions are the answers and that they wish viewers to question their art and walk away from a life-altering event.

"I don't like the idea of the experience leaving you after you exit the gallery," Taylor said.

It will be hard for any viewer to forget the experience of seeing this

art. Viewing the gallery is a very personal experience, and the artists assured people at the opening event there was no right or wrong way to experience the exhibit. Taylor likened the exhibit to an entity or a person.

"You can't just go up to someone and say, 'explain yourself,'" he said.

The message the installation sends is exactly that — it cannot be explained. Trying to make linear sense out of the artwork is just as productive as hitting your head against a wall: All it will do is cause a headache.

The videos just are, in and of themselves, alone or all together. Everything, including the layout of the latex walls and position of the speakers, was done purposefully by the artists to create a mood. What that mood is, though, is entirely up to the patron to decide.

The music was intended to evoke a sad response, according to Robinson, but nausea and other unpleasant emotions can also be evoked.

Even the artists have different experiences with their own work. All four of the videos were compiled at different times and are only now being viewed in conjunction. Taylor described one particular video alone as it reminded him of a painful memory, while Robinson simply claimed a melancholy or depressed feeling.

"I felt knocked off balance," said senior Jim Hennon, who attended the gallery's premiere. "We try to relate things we see to our own experiences when we see things that we haven't experienced. We are kind of confused, and try to make sense of it. When you view (Robinson and Taylor's art), you make a new construction in your mind."

The exhibition runs until Nov. 5 and is open to the public.

NICHOLE RAWLINGS

# Student bridges art history and creativity

Laura Wainman  
Special Projects Editor

Most high school projects are forgotten about the instant they are handed over to the teacher, only thought of again briefly when they are returned with the fated red pen markings and circled grade. But for senior art history major Nichole Rawlings, what began merely as a high school project has turned into a labor of love, as she has spent countless hours writing and illustrating her own children's book.

Rawlings transferred her previous artwork into the digital medium and was playing around after class with one of the characters from a story she had written in high school when she decided to expand the project by redrawing the pages using a wacom tablet and stylus pen.

"I absolutely fell in love with digital art at Elon," Rawlings said. "I had never tried it before I came to Elon, but I really like the effects you can use to create very aesthetically appealing pages."

Rawlings was named a recipient of the Lumen Prize in April 2008 and chose to study the use of three-dimensional perspective and narrative expression in two-dimensional artwork in addition to creating the



"Jenny and Rollo" is a children's story about an animal who moves into town and feels out of place.

children's book.

"I knew my (Honors) thesis was going to be art history-based, and with that connection everything just came together perfectly so that I could combine my academic and artistic interests," Rawlings said. "It is nice to be able to work on two projects at once, and I think that a main reason I was chosen for the Lumen Prize was because I did approach the committee with an interdisciplinary project."

Besides helping purchase the software needed to work on the book, Rawlings used part of her Lumen funds to pay for a semester abroad in Florence, Italy. Her time abroad allowed her to visit museums across Europe that furthered her thesis research on two and three-

dimensional perspectives in artwork.

Once back in the states, Rawlings resumed splitting her time between research and creating her children's book, now tentatively titled "Jenny and Rollo."

All of the main characters of the story are nervous animals getting ready for the first day of school.

Though the project is individual in nature, Rawlings recognizes the contributions and support of many members of the Elon community, including digital art professor LM Wood, and art history professors Kirstin Ringelberg and Evan Gatti.

"Professor Wood was very helpful in giving me the tools I needed to launch my project, and Dr. Ringelberg and Dr. Gatti review and

critique all my work to help move it forward," Rawlings said. "The entire Elon Arts West arts family has been very supportive of me in my time at Elon."

Rawlings said she plans to seek out the next step for her book next semester, as she hopes a published product is in the cards.

When she isn't busy finalizing her book or working on her thesis, Rawlings manages to find time to pursue art in other venues. Back at home in Cumming, Ga., Rawlings has been commissioned by art enthusiasts who saw her work in the local shows, as well as winning first place in a national competition, with a pastel portrait of the racehorse Secretariat.

After a successful internship for the High Museum of Art in Atlanta, Ga., Rawlings has decided to continue on the academic path through graduate school, where she plans to study art history and museum studies.

"I am most interested in the exhibitions element of museum work, which would allow me to plan and implement exhibits and make them available to the public," Rawlings said. "I know that I will never stop creating art, and working for a museum would likewise ensure that I would continue to learn and grow as an art historian."



Street Style:



ALEXANDRA JOHNSTON | Photographer  
Freshman Kinsey Augustine combines her school spirit and fashion sense.

## BE A STYLISH FOOTBALL FAN

On game day, the Phoenix football team wasn't the only one dressed up. Elon students headed to Saturday's game in everything from flamboyant spirit wear to light summer sundresses.

One trend among Elon women is wearing sundresses to the games. While students outside of the South

sometimes find this strange, others embrace the look.

"We didn't wear dresses to the games at my high school," sophomore Brenna Lakeson said. "When I first visited Elon,



Alexandra Johnston  
Fashion Columnist

I saw lots of girls wearing dresses and thought it was a great southern tradition."

Lakeson wore a navy and white striped sundress to Saturday's game paired with gold metallic sandals and coordinating gold headband. Although she embraces her nautical chic style, she doesn't always dress up for the games. Sundresses provide a cool look during sweltering, humid days.

"Sometimes I wear my maroon, but when it's a nice day I like to wear dresses," Lakeson said. "I think it's a great tradition, just like the boys who wear their bow ties and patterned pants."

One of these gentlemen is sophomore Paul Billings of Memphis, Tenn.

"I like to try to look good at the tailgate," Billings said, modeling his preppy look as he gave the run down of what he was wearing.

Starting with his flip-flops, Billings wore some of his nicest khaki slacks with a dusty blue button-down and a southern staple, a green Vineyard Vines tie. Since it was sunny out, he threw on a hat to complete the look.

"I don't think it's the most practical outfit," Billings said. "I'm kind of sweaty, but you've got to make sacrifices to look good."

Not every sundress was representative of southern tradition. Freshman Kinsey Augustine of Charlotte, N.C., discovered a way to show her school colors and still look good. Augustine wore a maroon strapless dress with a gold sweater, giving her an individual but spirited look.

"I don't usually wear dresses to the games," Augustine said. "But it was pretty hot today. I wouldn't have worn it if it wasn't Elon colors."

What made Augustine's outfit even more unique was what she wore on her feet: maroon and gold tie-dyed Tom's slip-ons.

"I already had these shoes and they're Elon colors, so I thought I'd wear them to the game," she said. "They are also really comfortable."

These three Elon students show that even at sporting events there is no excuse not to bring one's own touch to each outfit. When gearing up for the next game, make sure to consider personal style.

ARTIST PROFILES

## PERFORMANCE REVIEW

★★★★★

# Elon's latest drama brings comical insanity to the 'Beach'

Dawn Joyce  
Reviewer

From Oct. 7-13 the Black Box Theatre was packed with audience members waiting to experience the crazy life of Malibu Beach's most neurotic teenage girl.

The mystery in "Psycho Beach Party" lies within the strange crimes that occur. Love struck couples fall asleep on the beach and wake to find themselves shaven hairless. The culprit is unknown.

Meet Chicklet Forrest, played by junior Sarah McAvoy, a spunky girl who aspires to be a star surfer. But Chicklet has a secret. She harbors multiple personalities.

At times she's Ann Bowman, a sexually charged woman with the dream to take over the world, or Tylene, a street talking urban who attends night school after work. There's also Steve, an athletic male model with a love for kayaking, as well as a handful of other personalities.

Regardless of the personality, McAvoy fully takes on each character with stunning perfection. Each personality has a distinct accent and body language.

Though McAvoy's performance stole the show, the rest of the cast was marvelously captivating.

The most memorable role after Chicklet was that of her mother, played by senior Sara Glover. Glover really delivered. Mrs. Forrest was over the top, sexual and hilariously inappropriate with a highbrow air about her. Though she loved her daughter, Mrs. Forrest was also the root of Chicklet's multiple personality disorder.

Seniors Evin Rose Lipman and Amy Lee McNabb played Chicklet's closest girlfriends, Marvel Ann and Berdine. Marvel Ann is a man-hungry teenager who forces her friends to



ASHLEY BARNAS | Photographer  
Elon's performing arts department provided audiences with a schizophrenic show, "Psycho Beach Party." Actors brought the sun and fun of Malibu Beach to the Black Box Theatre.

to the beach for man hunts. Marvel Ann knows what she wants and goes after it. Berdine is Chicklet's closest friend and she is a smart, opinionated girl oblivious to Chicklet's multiple personalities.

Kanaka, the most revered surfer in Malibu, is a true ladies man. Senior Kevin Manship never let the audience forget it, either. From his facial expressions to his dialogue filled with self-made adages, Manship epitomized the easygoing surfer dude lifestyle. Kanaka eventually finds himself at the beck and call of Chicklet's most outgoing personality, Ann Bowman.

Star Cat, played by junior Will Sanborn, also falls for Chicklet. He is a friend of Kanaka's who put his dreams of psychiatry on hold to live by the sea. Star Cat is the archetypal lost soul. He can be caring, but it rarely shows. Star Cat is searching the

waves for a direction in life, a direction that is only found with the help of Chicklet.

Seniors Matt Emig and Max Korn play Provoloney and Yo Yo, two surfer friends of Kanaka and Star Cat. Provoloney and Yo Yo are fun-loving guys. They live together and soon find themselves falling for each other. The characters were believable in their quest to share their newfound love with their friends.

When Bettina Barnes, an X-rated movie actress, comes to town, the boys are taken with her and the girls want to be her. Bettina, played by senior Chelsey McGinnis, is an absent-minded harlot. She wears animal print, skintight skirts and metallic bathing suits. Bettina is in search of the perfect role to help her break into serious acting, and she finds it in the story of Chicklet and her multiple identities.

The story is tied together with a dance ensemble that hit the stage every 10 minutes to rearrange the set. Their quirky dance moves and beachwear made the audience feel like they were actually at the beach.

The mysterious offender is discovered at the end of the play, when the cast and dance ensemble come together to attend the annual beach party. There, Chicklet's multiple personalities become evident to everyone. It is discovered the disorder is a result of neglect from her mother. Chicklet has denied herself human emotion, and in turn created multiple personalities to make up for it.

Chicklet's biggest personality, Ann Bowman, was the culprit.

"Psycho Beach Party" provided an interesting account of Malibu teenagers and their struggles to define themselves. It examined the mystery of life's eternal puzzle as experienced by beach bums during the '60s.



## HE SAID ... SHE SAID ...

## Elon's biggest U2 fans follow the band, compare experiences

During the weekend of Oct. 1, two self-professed "hard-core" U2 fans had the chance to indulge their ears and attend two different shows on the "360° Tour" in Raleigh and Charlottesville, Va., respectively. Jason Kirk, assistant professor of political science and Catie Serex, a senior political science and international studies major, share their reactions to the shows with *The Pendulum*.



**Jason Kirk**  
Assistant Professor  
of Political Science



**Catie Serex**  
Elon Senior



CATIE SEREX | Photographer  
Bono and his band, U2, are currently on their 360° tour around the U.S. They recently performed in Raleigh and Charlottesville, Va.

**Where were you for the show?**

**Kirk:** I was about five people back from the outer stage rail, on Adam Clayton's (bass player) side of the stage.

**Serex:** I was slightly closer, about two people back from the rail of the outer stage on The Edge's (lead guitar) side. Bono (lead singer) and Larry Mullen, Jr. (drummer) stopped right in front of me at different intervals, making for some great pictures.

**Was this your first U2 show?**

**Kirk:** I saw them in Charlotte on the "Zoo TV Tour" in 1992 — half a lifetime ago — and in Philly on the "Elevation" and "Vertigo" tours (2001, 2005).

**Serex:** This was my first show I have seen live. In fact, I wasn't even alive until "Rattle and Hum" came out, so I feel I have missed my fair share of tours. The closest I had gotten before then was seeing the movie "U2-3D."

**How did you first come upon U2?**

**Kirk:** I was drawn to the juggernaut in 1987 by songs like "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" and "Where the Streets Have No Name," which, to my ears, remain the band's best work, along with "One."

**Serex:** I actually bought "All That You Can't Leave Behind" in 2002 and had it for almost four years before I got past its first track, "Beautiful Day." Following a mission trip to Nicaragua in 2006, I almost stumbled upon "The Joshua Tree," and that album radically changed my world. The Edge has called it "cinematic music" in that it takes the listener "somewhere physical ... a real place." For me, it took me to all the places I had just been to in Nicaragua. And after that, it was a slippery slope and by February of this year I had every studio album in their catalogue. I'm working on LPs now.

**How did you prepare for the show?**

**Kirk:** I am the obsessive type. There's a listening regimen for car trips: All of the U2 albums got a pretty good workout, along with some live recordings. I think it disturbs my wife just a little, though she is also a big fan (she came with me to the show, as did a friend of hers from high school — this has

become a tradition). My kids didn't seem to mind my iPod serving as "U2 radio" for a while, but kids like to listen to the same music over and over again anyway. Our 3-year-old daughter has the U2 bug, but our 6-year-old son is more of a Springsteen fan.

**Serex:** I went in the exact opposite direction. About two weeks before the show, I watched the "Zoo TV" DVD, as I thought this tour would be similar to the extravagance and excess of "Zoo TV," and then went on a total embargo of their music. I wouldn't even sit in class when Dr. Kirk played clips from Under a "Blood Red Sky" in our International Security course. So it was good to hear them again.

**What is your favorite U2 album?**

**Kirk:** First off, I should make clear there was a legitimate "pedagogical" reason to show a U2 video clip: "New Year's Day" is about Solidarity in Poland in the early 1980s, and we were discussing the late Cold War. And technically, it was before class time ... Okay, as an album, "The Joshua Tree" will always have a special place. To me, that is the iconic U2. But objectively, I think "Achtung Baby" is their masterpiece.

**Serex:** I don't know if I could ever pick one over the others. I would have to say "The Joshua Tree," "Achtung Baby" and "All That You Can't Leave Behind" all tie for my first choice, but then again, I think "Zooropa" and "Rattle and Hum" have some real moments of genius that could only happen in U2's music. "Stay (Faraway, So Close!)" is an absolutely brilliant song as is "Love Rescue Me," U2's dabble in the blues.

**What made the show special for you?**

**Kirk:** U2 finally seems to have found the perfect balance of all of its elements: the sublime and the ridiculous, the personal and the political, Bono's vocal bombast and The Edge's zen-like minimalism on guitar. Some of the new songs came off really well, and I thought it was brave to open and close the show with two of them: "Breathe" and "Moment of Surrender" (from the current album, "No Line on the Horizon").

**Serex:** Since this was my first U2 show, the whole thing was a completely religious experience for me. There are so many songs in the U2 catalogue I can relate to parts of my own life and experiences. Their music has helped fill, as Bono would say, the "God-shaped holes" that I've inherited. So seeing them live, being able to connect with them both emotionally and physically, was absolute magic.

**What was your favorite part of the show?**

**Kirk:** Right out of a ridiculously fun "remix" version of a new song, "I'll Go Crazy if I Don't Go Crazy Tonight," the band pivoted, on a dime, into their anthem "Sunday Bloody Sunday." It was written in the early 1980s about The Troubles in Northern Ireland, but here it was re-contextualized with video images from the recent demonstrations in Iran. It shouldn't have worked. The use of the song might have come across as opportunistic, as diminishing both the Iranian protestors' cause and the different history that originally inspired it. Instead, the song felt more urgent than it has in years. U2's melding of music and politics tends to bother the band's (many) detractors. But I credit them with sparking, when I was younger, much of my interest in international issues. There are worse ways to use mega-celebrity.

**Serex:** I don't have one part that stood out clearly over the others, as the whole show worked so well together. It was great to hear some of their new songs live, such as "Breathe" and the newly mixed "I Know I'll Go Crazy if I Don't Go Crazy Tonight," complete with Larry Mullen on djembe. And it was wonderful to hear some of their older material, like "Ultraviolet (Light My Way)," "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For" and the scarcely played B-side for Frank Sinatra "Your Blue Room." But I think "Where the Streets Have No Name" will always be my favorite live song. It's the moment when, as Bono says, even if the show has been horrible, it changes the mood of the room. That is the one song that can never come off a U2 set list because as The Edge has said, "It is when God walks through the room." I definitely lost my cool during "Streets."

## MOVIE REVIEW



## Vaughn's rom-com not a pleasant 'Retreat'

Alexa Milan  
Managing Editor

With a cast including funny men Vince Vaughn, Jon Favreau and Jason Bateman, "Couples Retreat" should have offered plenty of laughs. But as far as romantic comedies go, this one fell a little flat.

The film focuses on four couples: Dave (Vaughn) and Ronnie (Malin Akerman), a stable and happy couple with excessively busy lives, Jason (Bateman) and Cynthia (Kristen Bell), an anal-retentive couple who are having trouble conceiving a child, Joey (Favreau) and Lucy (Kristin Davis), who married after getting pregnant in high school and both have wandering eyes and Shane (Faizon Love) and Trudy (Kali Hawk), whose May-December romance is a product of Shane's recent divorce.

Jason and Cynthia tell the others they are considering getting a divorce, and they want to travel to a tropical couples resort called Eden to attempt to save their marriage.

They can't afford the cost of the trip themselves, though, so they invite their friends to accompany them and get a discounted group rate. While the other couples are looking for fun in the sun rather than therapy, the trip forces all of them to reevaluate their relationships.

The film was written by Vaughn and Favreau, both of whom have proven their comedic worth in the past in films like "Swingers." But for the majority of the film, the audience only let out a few half-hearted chuckles and the occasional laugh.

The concept for "Couples Retreat" had potential, but it failed in its execution. The film was cheesy and predictable in all the wrong ways. Cheesy and predictable romantic comedies are plenty entertaining, as long as they're funny. But the jokes in this film were few and far between, with



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Malin Akerman, left, and Vince Vaughn star in the romantic comedy "Couples Retreat."

only a handful of laugh-out-loud scenes.

The movie did have a terrific ensemble cast, which is part of the reason it was so disappointing. Their talent was wasted on a poorly written script. Most of the characters are underdeveloped, and most of their relationships are resolved in completely unbelievable ways.

All of the actors did a great job in their individual roles and as a group, and Vaughn's quick line delivery is spot-on as usual. With a less talented cast, this movie would have completely missed the mark. The actors all seemed to have fun together, which is part of what made the film bearable.

"Couples Retreat" did have some cute and funny moments, and the actors are all enjoyable to watch. It's by no means the worst rom-com out there, but the fact that this comedy isn't all that funny takes away from the experience. "Couples Retreat" ends up being more of a lackluster trip than an enjoyable getaway.

## Old-time artists seek airtime

Christina Edwards  
Copy Editor

Nostalgia is a socially acceptable thing. The '90s was the pop culture golden age for most college students: old school Nickelodeon, complete with "Legends of the Hidden Temple" and "Are You Afraid of the Dark," the heyday of classic Disney movies and, of course, the emergence of bubblegum pop and an endless stream of boy-bands.

It marked an era of music forever immortalized with only the slightest amount of shame on iPods across the country, brought out for the occasional dance party.

While that time is a thing of the past, the movers and shakers of this pivotal moment in music history remain visible on the current pop charts. A quick glance at the iTunes Top Songs chart shows Britney Spears in the top spot — just as she took top spots in radio play and CD sales 10 years ago. Beyonce sits at number 20, 11 years after her album debut with Destiny's Child.

But not a single song from the Backstreet Boys' latest offering, "This Is Us," released Oct. 6, breaks the top 100. The album itself sits at a respectable number 17, but it's placed right behind Lady Gaga's "The Fame," released more than a year ago.

While the album did debut on iTunes at number two, its 15-spot decline, lukewarm critical reception and lack of significant airplay for the lead single, "Straight to My Heart," since its release in August suggests this new album isn't going to be meeting the record shattering sales of sophomore

effort "Millennium."

So why can't they seem to meet the standards set at the peak of their reign as the best-selling boy-band of all time? What are Britney and Beyonce doing that they aren't?

The Backstreet Boys haven't changed since their highpoint, and that's exactly the problem. Their sound hasn't progressed since the high point of the band's career, at least not in a way that's viable in the current pop music scene. David Bowie had a huge hit with "Fame" in 1975, but the beats and instrumentals would sound incredibly outdated on radio today. An adult contemporary boy-band sound isn't going to cut it in today's music industry.

Spears, regardless of what the tabloids are printing or the quality of her music, continues to match the sales and the hype she had at the beginning of her career. But she's not still trying to sell "Hit Me Baby One More Time." The elaborate design of her Circus tour, the move from pure bubblegum-pop to a more dance-pop sound on her more recent albums and the increasingly adult content of her work says she (or at the very least, her producers and managers) knows her fan base has grown up and moved on.

Similarly, Beyonce and Justin Timberlake have had significant solo success because they don't sound like Destiny's Child and \*NSYNC.

There can be a place for the artists of yesteryear in today's music scene, but not without forward vision and reinvention. Until then, Backstreet Boy member Brian Littrell's swine flu will remain bigger news than his band's new album.

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# Softball swings through successful fall season, shifts focus toward spring

Sam Parker  
Reporter

Finishing out its fall season play Friday night, the Elon softball team secured two wins in its double-header against Louisburg College.

In the first matchup, sophomore Erin O'Shea warmed up the pitching circle, controlling the game until junior Pam DelPizzo entered, finishing off the Louisburg Canes with a 14-1 win.

Starting off the second game was junior pitcher Lauren Taylor. After a quick seven innings, Taylor took the second win of the night in a 5-0 final.

With the fall season coming to a close, head coach Patti Raduenz spoke of the team's successes which she hopes to carry them into the spring.

"Not only as individuals but as a team, we have grown so much," Raduenz said. "We want to avoid getting stale this spring. We want to build on our successes, and continue to grow with every practice."

Primarily a young team, the Phoenix has five freshmen and no seniors on the roster this season. New players, including freshman catcher Camille Hill and right fielder Tomeka

Watson, are creating new chemistry on the diamond, sophomore shortstop Danielle Lafferty said.

"Our freshmen this year came in with different attitudes than what we were expecting," Lafferty said. "They are open, fun girls. We have already formed good friendships, and it is showing on the field. We are rowdy and supportive of each other throughout every inning."

Raduenz said she is focused on the emotional aspects of the game this year just as much as the physicality it requires.

"Energy, attitude and passion: a winner's mentality," Raduenz said. "I am aiming for all the girls to maintain these three characteristics. They are key when you are trying to win games. They will allow us to peak when we are matched up against conference opponents later in the season."

Raduenz also said the team needs to control the tempo of the games.

"We are going to need to avoid slumps," Lafferty said. "Consistency is important, not just in our fundamentals, but mentally as well. We need to keep up the positive attitudes and maintain our

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- Tomeka Watson  
FRESHMAN OUTFIELDER

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communication.”

Watson added her excitement for the start of the spring season.

"We are ready to work hard," Watson said. "We're fired up for the season. We're amazing, and we're shooting for nothing less than the Southern Conference championship. You'll just have to watch and see."

Raduenz said she is confident in her team's ability once the spring season begins.

"The SoCon championship is ours this year," Raduenz said. "We are going to be number one, not number nine this season. We just need to work hard."



TOP: Junior outfielder Emerald Graham connects with the ball for a hit during Friday's match up against Louisburg College.  
ABOVE: Sophomore Erin O'Shea hurls a pitch during the first of two games Friday. The Phoenix won the first contest 14-1.



## ONE ON ONE

Erik Kendall and Conor O'Neill  
Sports Commentators

### Broncos and Bengals — two early surprise teams?

Five weeks into the NFL season and there have been more surprises already this year than all of last year. Teams are overachieving, underachieving and all the ESPN experts have been proven wrong again. Who is not who you thought they'd be at this point in the season?

#### CONOR

There are plenty of teams playing well right now, but as I just watched the Denver Broncos move to 5-0, I still don't know how they're winning. I know they brought in Brian Dawkins, and Knowshon Moreno was a great draft pick, but 5-0? With the Jay Cutler saga last spring and the Brandon Marshall whining episode this summer, I had this team pegged to finish with maybe five wins. Now it looks like they might not lose five games this season. Although I don't know how I can say this, they honestly look like a Super Bowl-caliber team at this point.

#### ERIK

Obviously the Broncos have been the most surprising because of the early season success they have experienced. It is clear to me the defense is the main reason for that success. Mike Nolan has gone back to what made him great before he made the leap to head coach in San Francisco, which is being a cold-blooded defensive coordinator. Elvis Dumervil is a star as is Brandon Marshall, and as unlikely as it might have seemed during the preseason, it has clicked, and they are off to a great start. But for me, the biggest surprise of the year has been the Tennessee Titans and the lack of success they have experienced. I know Albert Haynesworth is a great player, but his departure to Washington

apparently was much bigger than anyone anticipated. All of a sudden they have no identity and are not playing like a Jeff Fisher-coached team.

#### CONOR

Yes, Albert Haynesworth was a major part of that vaunted defense, but I feel like the leash has to get tight for Kerry Collins. Fisher, like Jeff Fox for the Panthers, can only stick with a sinking quarterback for so long. But I'm surprised you didn't take the first opportunity to promote your Bengals. The league knows Carson Palmer can be an elite quarterback, and Chad Ochocinco was at one point considered a top receiver. How is this defense playing so well, though? Coming into this season, I could name you maybe three players for the Bengals on defense. You talked about Mike Nolan going back to what he knows best, how about the job Marvin Lewis has done with that team this year? I thought he was going to be axed two years ago and now they're a miracle play away from being 5-0. Are the Bengals for real?

#### ERIK

I think you are forced to take them seriously at this point. They have beaten all their divisional opponents, including the Ravens last Sunday, but as we all know you have to go through Pittsburgh in January to compete for a championship.

Also, it would be nice for the Bengals to win a game convincingly. Either they are always playing to the level of their competition or they love the adrenaline rush that comes with last-second victories. Whatever it is, I like it and you have to love the unpredictability of the NFL.



Elon offensive players, including freshman midfielder Lindsey Nusdeo, center, who scored the game's only goal, fight for the ball during Sunday's victory against Western Carolina.

## Freshmen lead Phoenix to fourth SoCon Victory

Justine Schulerud  
Reporter

Elon women's soccer team is gearing up for its game today at 7 p.m. against Greensboro College. Last Sunday, the Phoenix tallied another win, defeating Western Carolina to improve its record to 4-1-1 in Southern Conference play and 8-3-2 overall.

Freshman midfielder Lindsey Nusdeo scored off a header from a corner kick taken by freshman defender Elizabeth Palmer. Palmer's assist was her fifth of the season.

"We came out really strong," Nusdeo said. "(Head coach Chris Neal) had a formation he wanted us to play and we did. It was nice to contribute to the win today."

Elon outshot the Catamounts 7-6. Senior goalkeeper Sydney Little added another shutout to her season with four saves. With the combined effort of Little and the strong defense, the Phoenix recorded its fifth shutout of the season.

Western Carolina won the SoCon Tournament Championship last year, as well as in 2004.

"I couldn't be happier," Neal said. "With (Western Carolina) winning two of the past four years in the tournament this is a great victory."

Against the Catamounts, 21 of 29 Elon players saw playing time. As the season gets longer and injuries start to occur, fresh legs need to be used in the second game of a weekend, Neal said.

The women's soccer program has not had this many wins in conference games since 2000. That year they went 5-1-0 in conference play.

The women's team faces Greensboro College today for its last non-conference game of the season. Greensboro is 6-5-1 overall on the season, and 4-1-1 in the USA South Atlantic Conference. The Pride is currently tied for third place in its conference.

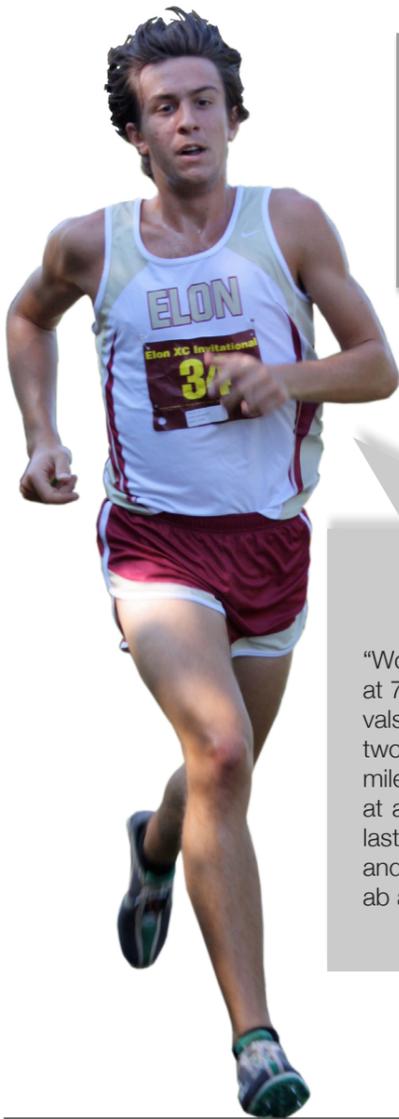
"(Greensboro) is having a great year," Neal said. "But we don't know too much about them."

The Phoenix gets back into conference play Friday against the Chattanooga Mocs. Chattanooga is currently 1-4-1 in the SoCon and 6-4-1 overall.

In the 2008-2009 season, the women fell to the Mocs 2-1. The Phoenix is ready to adjust to anything that comes its way against Chattanooga.

"We play each opponent a bit differently," Neal said. "You can't approach any team the same way. The other teams do scouting reports, too, so every game we have to adjust some things."

# Cross country racks up miles



## MORE THAN RUNNING:

"Two days a week, every Tuesday and Thursday, we head to the weight room for strength training and conditioning. After those workouts, I typically run four to five miles at a light pace to loosen up my legs to stretch," Gianni said.

## A WEEK COMPLETE:

"I love the raw physical ability of cross country. It's very challenging," Gianni said. "With no referees, no disputes about points or penalties and no calls, it's all about challenging others' physical fitness. Running is very straightforward. It's very black and white."

## A TYPICAL WEEK RUNNING:

"Workouts begin, Monday through Friday, at 7 a.m. Practice is broken up into intervals known as mile repeats. Warm up for two and a half miles, a short break, five-mile workout. Runs are typically harder at a faster speed. Another breather, and lastly a resting-paced cool down of two and a half miles. Then it's stretching and ab and core workouts."

## GEARING UP FOR THE RACE DAY:

For a 9:30 a.m. race, the team wakes up around 6 a.m. Partaking in a "shakeout run," no more than 10 minutes long, the athletes wake up their muscles. After eating a breakfast full of whole grains and fruit, they head out to the course. The runners then start a warm-up about an hour before they run the 8K race consisting of a run, stretching and short sprints at the start line.

Sam Parker  
Reporter

For the Elon men's cross country team, a typical workout involves more than just running. With arduous morning workouts, afternoon weight training and many miles to cover before calling it quits, the cross country team can accomplish more on a daily basis than most students achieve in an entire week at the gym. Junior Justin Gianni gives a sneak peek into what a typical day of practice entails.

## ELON HEAD COACH CHRISTINE ENGEL:

"Sundays usually consist of our long runs. However, that changes from week to week depending on our schedule," Engel said. With an average of 10 miles to cover daily, length varies. "Typically, we set aside two hours to complete workouts and training, but it just depends on the objective of practice," Engel said. "Recovery days involve a shorter run, only for an hour or so, but some of the guys are nearly running for two hours straight on hard days."

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS:

Both the men's and women's teams will be running in the Blue Ridge Open on Friday in Boone, N.C. This will be the teams' last races before the Southern Conference Championships on Oct. 31 at Elon.

# Tendler's experience coaches players to success

Jordan Scahill  
Reporter

This year marks Mary Tendler's seventh year as the head coach of the Elon women's volleyball team, and 17th year overall coaching at the Division I level. Leading the Phoenix to a current 15-4 record so far this year, Tendler has passed down her knowledge of the sport from her playing days to help coach her players.

Tendler has an extensive and impressive volleyball resume as both a player and a coach.

In her college years at Illinois University, Tendler was on a First Team All-American three times and was a First Team All-Big Ten selection four times. She was voted Freshman of the Year in 1985 and the MVP of her team 1986-1988. Tendler was also named female athlete of the decade at Illinois State for the 1980s.

In 1989, Tendler was the Honda Broderick Award winner as the top volleyball player in the nation. She was a middle hitter and had a college career record of 1,761 kills with only 326 errors in 3,417 hitting attempts.

Tendler majored in business administration at Illinois State. After her junior year at college, she left school to pursue her dreams in the athletic world on the United States National team in between Olympic years.

Some of the women on the national team went on to play for the Olympic team, but Tendler decided to go overseas and play professional volleyball in Germany and then France from 1991 to 1992.

Tendler said she really enjoyed herself abroad and thought it was a great experience, but "there is nothing equal to the experience of college volleyball, which is special for everybody to be able to play together and develop relationships with your teammates," she said.

Tendler's coaches overseas did not speak much English, so she received little feedback or instruction from them. After two years overseas, she decided to come back to Illinois to finish school

"I had a lot of great experiences throughout my volleyball career and I want to give some of that back to my players.

-Mary Tendler  
HEAD COACH

## WHAT'S NEXT FOR ELON WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL:

The Phoenix will host Georgia Southern on Saturday for the Dig Pink match to promote breast cancer awareness.

and get her degree.

Although she did not always want to be a volleyball coach, Tendler said she was inspired by some of the coaches she had as a player.

"I had a lot of great experiences throughout my volleyball career, and I want to give some of that back to my players," she said.

Tendler worked as an assistant coach at Illinois State, Drake University and James Madison University before she took her place as the head coach of the Phoenix.

"I enjoy being able to work and interact with the young ladies on a daily basis," Tendler said. "I want to teach them to learn to enjoy and love the game of volleyball."

This year has proven successful for the Phoenix as it started the season strong, with one of its best starting records in program history.

"When they leave Elon, I want my players to still want to continue with the sport in some way and carry over the good experiences and confidence that they have learned here later into life," Tendler said.



TOP: Elon women's volleyball coach Mary Tendler, right, works with her assistant, Hal Clifton, second from right, to devise a game plan in a match earlier this season. BOTTOM: Tendler, left, and Clifton speak to the volleyball team. The team has a 15-4 overall record this season and is 3-3 in Southern Conference play.

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DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

Junior quarterback Scott Riddle looks downfield during the Phoenix victory against The Citadel. Riddle passed for 220 yards and threw two touchdowns.



LINDSAY FENDT | Staff Photographer

Sophomore running back Jamal Shuman maneuvers downfield. Shuman recorded 167 yards in the game.



DAVID WELLS | Photo Editor

Senior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins, second from left, was honored before Saturday's game for his 318 career receptions, which makes him the leader for NCAA Division I football.

## Football graded midseason



Pam Richter  
Sports Editor

After last Saturday's 43-7 victory against The Citadel, the Elon football team will march into its bye week with a 5-1 overall record and a 3-0 record in the Southern Conference. The Phoenix had the same record at this point last season as well.

With a bye coming up Saturday, the Phoenix will be at the approximate midpoint in its season. The team has five games remaining on its schedule, and

all are key SoCon match-ups.

The Phoenix is currently ranked No. 8 in The Sports Network poll. Let's look at some grades for the Phoenix units at this point in the season.

### Offense:

Everyone knows the Phoenix offense is led by senior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins and junior quarterback Scott Riddle. But what a lot of people may not realize is the apparent struggles the offense has had in conference play this season.

The offense jumped out of the gate scoring 56 points in its opening game against a weak Davidson team. In the SoCon opener against Georgia Southern, the Phoenix put up a total of 423 yards, but struggled to put points on the board.

The next week, the team traveled to Greenville, S.C., to take on a quality opponent, in the Furman Paladins.

Through three quarters, the offense only recorded three points before eventually winning the game 19-13. In the game, the Phoenix only had 49 rushing yards, with Riddle as the team's leading rusher.

Yes, the Phoenix offense got off to a quick start against The Citadel, scoring touchdowns in its first two drives. But the early season struggles for the offense cannot be forgotten at this point in the season.

**Grade: B-**

### Defense:

To put it simply, the Phoenix defense has surprised people this season. During the game against The Citadel, the Bulldogs' senior wide receiver, Andre Roberts, was held to only one catch.

Roberts has 239 catches, second all-time in the SoCon, and 3,268 receiving yards, third all-time in the SoCon during his career.

Following Saturday, Roberts said it was a frustrating game for him.

After the Georgia Southern game, Elon head coach Pete Lembo said, "The main reason why we're a better team than we were two years ago is because we have a much-improved defense."

The Phoenix has the statistics to back up Lembo's claim. The team is currently ranked first overall in the conference in defense.

Teams that face Elon need to prepare for its nationally recognized offense, but also prepare a game plan to combat the fierce and motivated Phoenix defense.

**Grade: A**

### Special teams:

The highlight of special teams play at this point in the season is sophomore redshirt kicker Adam Shreiner's 37-yard game-winning field goal against Furman. His kick with six seconds left in the game put the Phoenix up in a critical SoCon game.

There's no question that coming into the season, Shreiner had a big void to fill from graduated kicker Andrew Wilcox. Shreiner and the rest of the field goal team have done a consistent job this season but several blocked PATs and bad snaps may raise some eyebrows.

We all know special teams are more than just the field goal unit. Riddle has been the team's starting punter all season. While Riddle has done a good job, it is always worrisome when a team uses its starting quarterback as a kicker because he is more prone to injuries.

The return game has been consistent as well with senior defensive back Karlos Sullivan and sophomore running back Jamal Shuman carrying most of the load.

At this point in the season, the Phoenix special teams have been slightly above average, but nothing to get overly excited about.

**Grade: B**

# Football finds groove going into bye week

Sam Calvert  
Assistant Sports Editor

Last Saturday, the Elon football team defeated The Citadel 43-7 in the last football game before the team's bye week. The Phoenix is currently 5-1 overall and 3-0 in the Southern Conference at the halfway mark, with only five games remaining in the season.

The team reached 543 total offensive yards on 89 plays against the Bulldogs as junior quarterback Scott Riddle passed for 278 yards.

Senior wide receiver Terrell Hudgins led the team in receiving with six catches for 65 yards and a touchdown, and sophomore running back Jamal Shuman led the rushing attack with 167 yards on 25 carries.

"I think our guys came in understanding how important the game was, but also taking a great deal of pride in playing well," head coach Pete Lembo said. "I think we came a lot closer to playing 60 minutes of football today."

While Elon recorded an average of just over 67 rushing yards in the past three games, the Phoenix was more effective against The Citadel, recording 267 yards.

This was the third game for the Phoenix so far this season where it scored 40 points or more.

"No game is an easy game, but we thought we were focused every play, which was a goal of ours," senior offensive lineman Chris Werden said. "I think today we kind of played together and focused every play."

Although the team doesn't have a game this weekend, Lembo said it is going to use this time to reevaluate where it is and prepare for the game against UT Chattanooga on Oct. 31.

Chattanooga is 4-1 overall and 2-1 in the SoCon so far this season, with conference wins against Wofford College, ranked No. 17 at the time, and Samford

University.

Both Lembo and sophomore defensive lineman Khirey Walker said Chattanooga has put itself in a position to be successful this season.

### Rankings, recognition and records

With a win against The Citadel, Elon climbed two spots to No. 8 in The Sports Network's weekly Football Championship Subdivision rankings. The team has been in the top-25 since the preseason, but this is the highest ranking the Phoenix has held this season.

"One of our goals is to be visible and to be a source of pride for the institution, and being ranked and recognized for what's been accomplished serves both of those purposes," Lembo said. "It really doesn't impact what we do on the field, but it's more of a positive reflection on the program."

There has been an influx of NFL scouts visiting the team, which is a testament to a combination of individual and team success. Lembo said there has been scout visits most weeks so far, and he thinks most of the NFL teams have been represented on campus.

He said senior players Hudgins, Werden, offensive lineman David Harrison and defensive lineman Andre Campbell are the main focus of the scouts.

"Our guys are true student-athletes, and we certainly don't have any plans to be an NFL factory," Lembo said. "But it is exciting to see that the scouts think highly enough of some of our seniors to come in and evaluate them."

Another highlight for the program is the various records and awards the players have received this season. Five different Elon players have been named SoCon Player of the Week. Hudgins was also named SoCon Offensive Player of the Month for September.

Riddle now holds conference records for most touchdown passes, most games with 300 or more passing yards, most completed passes, most passes in a row without an interception and most career passing yards.

Riddle's main target, Hudgins, has solidified his place in the record books as well. In the game against Furman, Oct. 3, Hudgins broke the Division I record for career receptions. He needs just 262 receiving yards to break the FCS record for career receiving yards, currently held by Mississippi Valley State's Jerry Rice.

### Learning from the past

At this point in the season last year, the Phoenix had the same record, both overall and in conference. While starting off last year 5-1, the team went 3-3 for the rest of the season and 3-2 in the SoCon and missed postseason play.

"Ever since the end of last year, we've made it clear to ourselves that we're not going to finish out the season like we did last year," Campbell said. "We're not going to finish any game like we did last year."

Lembo said the team is more mature this year than it was last year and it has better leadership and more depth.

A major factor is that the Phoenix is more of a veteran team, junior offensive lineman Corey O'Shea said.

"Every game is not the biggest game," O'Shea said. "We're not emotionally charged because we've been there before. We come out with a business-as-usual type of attitude."

Preparation for each game is a major rung in the climb to reaching the playoffs this year, Lembo said.

"It's really about isolating each week and taking nothing for granted," Lembo said. "It's about knowing that we've got to be at our best in each one of these Southern Conference games, beginning with Chattanooga."

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## Phoenix soccer gears up for nationally ranked opponent



Junior midfielder Brad Franks scored the game-winning goal against Davidson College last Saturday night. The Phoenix has an overall record of 6-4-1 and is undefeated in conference with a 3-0-0 record. The Phoenix play West Virginia University tonight.

Jack Rodenfels  
Reporter

Amid a three-game winning streak, the men's soccer team looks to get a break from Southern Conference play as the Phoenix travels to Morgantown, W.Va., to play No. 25 West Virginia at 7 p.m. tonight. The Phoenix is 6-4-1 overall, while the nationally ranked West Virginia Mountaineers are 5-2-4. Although tonight's match isn't a conference game, it will show where Elon stacks up against national contenders outside of SoCon play.

"We need to be intense right away because the teams we play are too good to leave hanging around," junior midfielder Brad Franks said.

The Phoenix hosted the Davidson Wildcats on Saturday in a SoCon battle. Both teams came into the game undefeated in league play. It took two 45-minute halves plus almost five minutes of overtime before the Phoenix defeated the Wildcats 2-1 to remain undefeated in SoCon play.

The match started with Davidson on the attack by keeping the ball deep in the Elon zone. Davidson's offensive attack paid off as Charlie Reiter scored in the 11th minute on a shot to the right post past diving Elon junior goalkeeper Clint Irwin to put the Wildcats up 1-0. Davidson continued threatening throughout the first half.

"It was a game of two halves," Elon head coach Darren Powell said. "Davidson had a great game plan and were organized. It took us away from the type of game we like to play."

The Phoenix came out rejuvenated in the second half, firing six shots on goal in the first 10 minutes. The Phoenix converted in the 56th minute as senior defender Steven Kinney scored. After a

long cross, Kinney took possession in the box and netted his third goal of the season, tying the score 1-1.

The shots kept coming from Elon for the rest of the second half, although none found the net. This aggressive offensive mindset led the Phoenix to 17 shots on goal in regulation to Davidson's eight, although the score remained tied 1-1 at the end of regulation.

"In the second half, Davidson might have seemed a little tired, but we kept going," Powell said. "That's the sign of a good team. If we keep believing in what we do, the doors will eventually open for us."

The doors did eventually open, as Elon got the ball bouncing its way into overtime. In the 95th minute, senior forward Erfan Imeni blasted a shot, which was deflected by Davidson goalkeeper Chip Saunders. The ball bounced around in the box and eventually found the foot of Franks. Franks took a shot from the top of the box and rocketed it home for the game winner, a 2-1 victory over the Wildcats.

"(Imeni) laid a good ball up to me," Franks said. "I was fortunate to have a good first touch and found myself one-on-one with the keeper. It felt good winning this game because we raised our intensity level and that was the difference in the match."

With the win, the Phoenix remains a perfect 3-0-0 in the conference, while improving the overall record to 6-4-1.

"Although there is a lot of parity in the SoCon this year, if we can continue to get good results, it puts us where we want to be in postseason play," Powell said.

Elon will get back to league action and continue its SoCon play with a 6 p.m. match Saturday against Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C.

## Senior soccer standout Steven Kinney continues to lead the Phoenix by example

Justine Schulerud  
Reporter

As a senior and co-captain, defender Steven Kinney sets a high standard for the men's soccer team. He has started 59 of 59 games since his freshman year and has earned many awards throughout his Elon career. He totaled five goals and four assists in his first three years for the Phoenix. He has also racked up a total of 14 points.

This season Kinney has three goals, one assist and helped defend six shutout games.

When Kinney came in as a freshman, head coach Darren Powell said he instantly saw his leadership skills. Throughout his career, Kinney has evolved both as a leader and a player.

"He has gotten stronger every year here," Powell said. "With more experience, he makes better decisions."

As a freshman, he was honored as the team's top newcomer. During his sophomore year, he was named to the First-Team All-Southern Conference, the Second-Team NSCAA All-South team and was named the Phoenix's most valuable player.

Last year Kinney was again First Team All-Conference and the second-team NSCAA All-South Region. He was also named to the All-State team.

Kinney, who is from Norcross, Ga., has played soccer for as long as he can remember. He helped lead his club team, Concord Fire, to become one of the best teams in the nation. He met Powell



In Saturday night's game against Davidson College, senior defender Steven Kinney scored a goal. This season he has three goals, one assist and has helped defend six shutouts. Kinney has also started all 59 games since his freshman year.

through his club team. After hearing about the incoming recruiting class's promising success, Kinney decided to play for Elon.

Kinney is marked as a leader by his teammates and makes a strong appearance on the field.

"He is a player that makes everyone else on the field better," junior goalie Clint Irwin said.

All of Kinney's teammates and coaches respect his work ethic. Irwin said, His heart and determination is shown every day — both in practice and games.

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"He seems to get bloody at least once every season," Irwin said. "It really shows his mentality. The way he responds just sums up his character."

During his time at Elon, he has not just become good friends with his teammates — they have become his family. Off the field, he spends most of his time with his teammates.

As for Kinney's future, he doesn't really have set plans. Since he is graduating in December, he said he is just waiting to see what presents itself at the time.

Though he doesn't have any immediate plans for his future, Kinney does have certain goals for the rest of his career at Elon. He would like to claim the SoCon title for the second year in a row, along with being the first team in Elon's history to make it to the NCAA tournament.

"I would like to leave with the legacy of setting the Elon standard of coming to work hard every day and performing for the fans," Kinney said.