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## ‘I am honored to be who I am – Native American’

Local Native American tribe embraces lineage  
while looking to the future

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“THE OBSN’S FUTURE IS VERY BRIGHT,  
AND WE ARE ON THE RIGHT PATH TO  
BECOMING GREAT.

VICKI JEFFRIES  
TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR

The official tribal seal of the Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation as displayed in front of tribal grounds in Burlington.

THE OCCANEECHI BAND OF Saponi Nation (OBSN) is a state-recognized Native American tribe in North Carolina. Tammy Hill, an administrative assistant for the department of student health and wellness at Elon University, has been a member for around 25 years.

OBSN has become an important part of personal identity to those involved. According to Hill, many traditions and aspects of OBSN’s culture were lost after the tribe was overwhelmingly defeated in battle in the 1700s. Today, OBSN serves as a tool for reconnecting members of Occaneechi heritage to their culture and this month will host their 23rd annual American Indian Heritage Celebration on November 17.

“I have family lineage to this Native American tribe, that we have this Native American heritage, that at one point was lost, rediscovered,” Hill said. “For many people, it’s almost like a sense of coming to know who you are.”

OBSN currently has more than 2,000 members and is still growing. To join, people must complete an application to prove lineage by hereditary ancestry or ancestry who have lived in the area.

Vickie Jeffries, tribal administrator, member of the Executive Tribal Council and Women’s Traditional Dancer, said she feels proud to be a member of OBSN. Jeffries said she hopes people know the tribe is resilient and growing.

“There are a lot of Occaneechis, and we continue to receive enrollment applications on a weekly basis,” Jeffries said in an email.

In 2002, OBSN was officially recognized by the state of North Carolina. They purchased their tribal grounds in 2004 in Burlington, just down the road from Elon. OBSN is one of seven state-recognized tribes in North Carolina, yet only one of these is also federally recognized (the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians).

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## ALPHA EPSILON PI: another outlet for Jewish students

Though unrecognized by university, fraternity remains hopeful for future

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As of the 2017-2018 school year, Elon University’s student body consisted of 503 self-identifying Jewish students. Like other religions, Judaism can take many forms, but at Elon, there is only one Jewish organization available on campus. According to Phoenix Connect, there are 278 registered members of Hillel, but some Elon Jews have not yet found the community they were hoping for.

Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, a historically Jewish organization, may offer that community to some, but for the founding members of Town of Elon’s colony of Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity, those two options were not enough.

Senior Maxx Tannenbaum



PHOTO COURTESY OF NOAH LAKIND

Alpha Epsilon Pi celebrates the initiation of the Alpha class this past weekend.

decided it was time for Elon to become one of more than 300 universities around the world with an AEPi chapter or colony. Elon’s group, which now has just under 30 members, is considered a colony rather than a chapter because it has yet to gain recognition by the university.

After a year of back and forth with the Office of Student Involvement, who declined to comment for this story, Tannenbaum decided to move the process along and have the Town of Elon’s AEPi approved by the national organization. “We were told about two years ago that we

could wait until an expansion year and hope for the best,” Tannenbaum said. “I was going to graduate by that point, and that’s not even a guarantee of recognition. So we tried, we really tried with the school, we met with them numerous times, had nationals speak with them. At the end of the day we had to make the decision that we needed to be recognized nationally in the now versus in three years from now. And that is what irritates the school, that we deviated from their process.”

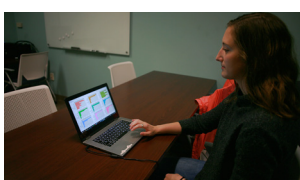
An expansion year refers to a year when Elon University could welcome in a new fraternity; 2016 was one of those years, when Elon added a chapter of Beta Theta Pi. Tannenbaum says the university has a strict expansion policy that only allows new fraternities in the case of an expansion year or in the case of a recharter — when a fraternity

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## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY - ALL THAT J.A.S. OPENS



FILE PHOTO BY CAROLINE BREHMAN

Although the store was first located about 10 minutes away from Elon University, All That J.A.S. is now located at 108 N. Williamson Ave. across the street from campus in downtown Elon.

**NOV. 20, 2003.** In 2003, a popular downtown Elon spot for sorority attire and gifts, All That J.A.S., opened its doors for the first time with its downtown Burlington location.

About a year and a half later, the business moved to Faucette House on East Trollinger Avenue that now holds Lowell's Wine List and Design Forum hair salon.

The store then moved to its current location on North Williamson Avenue, between The Oak House and the Acting Studio and Cabaret Performance Space.

Before the opening in 2003, students were getting their greek gear from a shop in Chapel Hill – which closed – forcing students to order all of their T-shirts and lettered apparel online. The store also provided cheer-leading apparel.

As is still the case, the store offered custom letter shirts, jewelry and other nick-knacks.

In 2003, 1,439 students were a part of a Greek organization. Since then, the number of students involved in greek life has exceeded 2,000, while the number of greek organizations on campus has grown to 25.

## GAMES

**How to Play:** Guess the missing word in the five clues, and find them in the word search below.

- \_\_\_\_\_ is a public bus system of Burlington, Gibsonville and Alamance Community College. *See page 7 for answer*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Day fell on Sunday, Nov. 11 this year. *See page 5 for answer*
- \_\_\_\_\_ Band of the Saponi Nation is a state-recognized Native American tribe in North Carolina. *See page 1 for answer*
- \_\_\_\_\_ and Tully's favorite activity is to play fetch with students on campus. *See page 12 for answer*
- Elon football celebrated Senior Day with a game against \_\_\_\_\_ University. *See page 14 for answer*

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Jon Dooley, vice president of Student Life, and President Connie Book answer questions at the Fireside Chat in Moseley Center on Monday, Nov. 12.



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Freshman forward Chuck Hannah stands over a University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill player on Friday, Nov. 9.



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Junior guard Lexi Mercer and sophomore forward Emily Maupin celebrate after forward Jaylin Powell takes a charge against UNC on Tuesday, Nov. 6.



Elon celebrates Veterans Day in LaRose Digital Theatre in Koury Business Center on Friday, Nov. 9.

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The Phoenix struggle to stop Towson University's strong offense at Rhodes Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 10.

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# JEWISH STUDENTS FIND COMMUNITY IN UNRECOGNIZED FRATERNITY



Junior Noah Lakind, treasurer, and senior Maxx Tannenbaum, president, stand by their AEPi flag.

ALEXANDRA SCHONFELD | MANAGING EDITOR

## AEPi | from cover

that was previously kicked off of campus returns with completely new members.

The most recent example of a recharter at Elon is Pi

### ABOUT THE FRATERNITY

Founded in 1913, Alpha Epsilon Pi works to develop future leaders of Jewish communities.

“new Pi Kapp” resurfaced on campus with a new group of members.

Junior Noah Lakind, who serves as treasurer for AEPi, says he thinks there should be a one-strike policy for these organizations. Tannenbaum says seeing the university welcome back old fraternities, previously removed for bad behavior, feels like a “smack in the face.”

“It is very much a smack to the face,” Lakind agreed. “I’ve heard that there’s more talks that Elon is going to bring back some fraternities that they kicked off a few years ago next year, and that to us is just disheartening. That makes no sense.”

Despite setbacks, AEPi continues to host events and sponsor meals at Chabad, Elon’s off campus Jewish organization. Most recently, AEPi fundraised and sat shiva — a Jewish mourning period that is usually practiced for close relatives who pass away — for the 11 peo-

ple killed earlier this month at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. Lakind says that while they have also given money to Hillel in the past to help sponsor meals, they are unable to receive recognition because of their off-campus status.

“That’s kind of the caveat at here,” Tannenbaum said. “The two things we can’t do are use on-campus institutions for AEPi-related events, and we can’t associate our name with Elon University.”

For Lakind, Elon’s expanding campus and student body should mean expanding options for Jewish students on campus — or at least wanting to. Tannenbaum says that while he attended Hillel a few times his freshman year, he wasn’t quite drawn to it, and it wasn’t until he founded AEPi that he found the Jewish community he had hoped for.

“Hillel is not the face of Judaism, just like with other religions, there are different sects of those religions,” Lakind said. “Same with Judaism, you have Orthodox, Reform, you have Conservative. There are different kinds. I don’t think all of those kinds can just be blanketed under one establishment, and the reason why there is a Chabad is because there are people who want something else.”

As the addition of Chabad in 2015 to the Elon community was almost an answer to Hillel, AEPi is an answer to ZBT. Tannenbaum explained that

### BY THE NUMBERS

# 503

Jewish students at Elon.

# 1

fraternity at Elon, Zeta Beta Tau, is historically Jewish. In 1954, the national chapter became nonsectarian.

# ~300

is the approximate number of AEPi chapters recognized.



historically, there are three Jewish fraternities: AEPi, ZBT and Sigma Alpha Mu (Sammy). Currently, AEPi is the only one that still markets itself as a “Jewish fraternity,” and while the other two have Jewish foundations, they let go of their strict religious affiliations in the 1950s.

“The fact that we exist speaks volumes,” Lakind said. “The fact that there are Jews that are gathering because they don’t think there is an adequate answer to that.”

Lakind and Tannenbaum say there are many current members who previously tried to rush ZBT and found that it “wasn’t Jewish enough” or didn’t receive bids at all.

“Some of them were legacy, too,” Lakind said. “You’d think if you were Jewish they’d just let you in, because that is a thing, but a Jew and a legacy and they weren’t let in, that just makes no sense.”

A legacy refers to a potential new member who has a family member that was also a brother of the fraternity. ZBT was contacted and declined to com-

ment for this story.

Both Lakind and Tannenbaum are determined to keep pushing toward one day being recognized — even if it’s after they graduate.

“We don’t give up,” Tannenbaum said. “We are pretty resilient.”

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IT’S MORE IMPORTANT NOW THAN EVER TO FORM COMMUNITY WITH YOUR FELLOW JEWISH BROTHERS OR SISTERS.

**MAXX TANNENBAUM**  
ELON SENIOR

there was a 57 percent increase in anti-Semitic incidents throughout the United States.

“It’s more important now than ever to form community with your fellow Jewish brothers or sisters,” Tannenbaum said. “Because, alone, you don’t make much of an impact, but for an example, Pittsburgh, when we’re together as a group, when we sit shiva or show up to events, it makes a much bigger statement when you show up with 20 guys than one or two people.”

Tannenbaum and Lakind say they think the administration at Elon thinks that once they graduate AEPi is going to “poof, disappear.”

“That’s not how it’s going to work,” Tannenbaum said.



# Community celebrates those who have served

Veterans Day breeds remembrance across Elon's campus

**Joe Heck**  
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On a rainy morning late last week, community members filed into Elon University's LaRose Digital Theatre in the

**RECOGNITION** Veterans Day fell on Sunday, Nov. 11, this year, but a ceremony for veterans was held on Nov. 9.

11, this year, students, faculty, staff, parents and alumni came together on Nov. 9 to recognize those who have served.

The crowd remained respectful yet jovial. Veterans from the community sat in the first few rows of the theater, laughing with one another as they caught up. A slide show of veterans past and present played in the background.

The ceremony began with the posting of the colors by Elon's ROTC Color Guard, followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance from those in attendance. Peter Tremblay, associate chaplain for Catholic Life, led the event and held a moment of silence.

The guest speaker for the ceremony, Bill Burpitt Jr., professor of management, spoke



LIAM O'CONNOR | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

about the importance of this ceremony.

According to Pew Research Center, there are 20.4 million veterans in the U.S. "They are taking their kids to school, they are mowing their lawns, they are waiting in lines," Burpitt said.

Burpitt, who served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam from 1967-1968, honored the average Americans who spent their youth serving their country. He said there is no difference between those who served in active combat and those who served during a time of peace; all of them were willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for those they loved.

Burpitt's speech came to a

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[VETERANS] ARE TAKING THEIR KIDS TO SCHOOL, THEY ARE MOWING THEIR LAWNs, THEY ARE WAITING IN LINES.

**BILL BURPITT JR.,**  
PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT,  
VIETNAM WAR VETERAN

close, and it was time to call roll. Those in attendance were asked to stand if they felt inclined and state the name and service of a veteran they wanted to honor. It was a moment of reverence as those in the audience began to stand and remember those who have passed as well as those in active duty.

Following the roll call, the organizers played a video produced by Elon students. It was a compilation of interviews from around campus, asking what Veterans Day means to them. There was a common theme in each of the interviews: family. Each student, when asked, gave thanks to their family members and rec-

**Elon celebrates Veterans Day in LaRose Digital Theatre in Koury Business Center on Friday, Nov. 9.**

ognized the sacrifices made by every veteran. Stories of sacrifice, love and honor were shared. The ceremony was capped off by the singing of the national anthem by Elon's own a cappella group, Rip\_Chord.

One of the veterans in attendance was Thomas J. Harper, who served 24 years in the Navy, followed by a 20-year stint as an Elon faculty member. He said the ceremony brought back both good and bad thoughts.

Harper served as a captain of a destroyer during the Vietnam War — the first to shoot down an enemy aircraft during that war.

"I've been coming to this ceremony since they started having it," Harper said. "It makes all of us very happy."

Students in Project Management class helped make the ceremony happen this year. Madeline Hollenbeck, the leader of the team, said it felt fitting for the ceremony to be held on a rainy Friday morning.

"It is important to remember and honor those who serve as well as connect veterans to the Elon community," Hollenbeck said.

Hollenbeck, along with the rest of her team, seemed to have a deep-seated admiration for veterans and those who have served this country. Their hard work culminated in the ceremony, dedicated to those who have died for the land of the free and the home of the brave.

## Harvard professor Alan Dershowitz speaks at Elon Law

Acclaimed professor emeritus Alan Dershowitz visits Elon School of Law for a lecture

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Alan Dershowitz, Harvard University professor of law emeritus, will visit Elon University's Greensboro campus and deliver remarks at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14, in the Elon Law Library. Dershowitz is the first guest of the Elon School of Law's 2018-2019 Distinguished Leadership Lecture Series.

"We have the speaker series because it's important to bring in some of the leading voices in the American legal profession," said Eric Townsend, director of communications at Elon University School of Law. "It's an opportunity for students, faculty and more importantly for the public, who have interest in hearing the ideas that various leaders as they share with us their views on current events, the legal profession and the roles the lawyers

play in helping to strengthen communities."

Leading up to a Nov. 5 appearance at Colgate University, students protested the lawyer due to 2014 rape accusations pitted against Dershowitz by an under-aged employee of a former client. Though charges were stricken from record in 2015 and denied by Dershowitz, 20 protestors attended his lecture at the New England university, The Colgate Maroon News reported.

After graduating Yale Law School, Dershowitz joined the faculty at Harvard at age 25, making him the youngest faculty member in the school's history. After 50 years of teaching more than 10,000 students he gained emeritus status.

Throughout his career, Dershowitz has argued hundreds of appeals in courts throughout the nation. He is currently actively working on both transnational and domestic criminal and civil liberty cases. Half of his practice is solely devoted to pro bono cases.

Dershowitz is popular legal commentator in the media —

**PUBLISHED ARTICLES**

>1,000

articles written by Dershowitz have appeared in several publications, including The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and more.

**CAREER**

50

years of teaching more than 10,000 students.

recently criticizing the ongoing special counsel investigation of the Trump administration. Similar to what was established after the Sept. 11 terror attacks, Dershowitz believes the best way to investigate Russian interference in United States elections is with a nonpartisan investigative commission.

With more than 1,000 articles, Dershowitz's writing has appeared in publications including The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and The Boston Globe, as well as Harvard and Yale's law journals.

Prior to his lecture at Elon Law, Dershowitz will be participating in smaller events leading up to the talk.

"He'll be here for the second half of the day on Wednesday where he will be meeting with the leadership, advocacy, business



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**Harvard professor emeritus of law Alan Dershowitz will give a lecture entitled "Global Perspectives on Justice and Civil Liberties" on Wednesday, Nov. 14.**

**IF YOU GO...**

**When:** 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14.

**Where:** Elon Law Library

**How:** Call Elon University's Center for the Arts Box Office

and teaching fellows," Townsend said. "Then, he'll be taking part in a pre-event reception before making his remarks at 6:30 p.m."

The lecture will be streamed on main campus in the LaRose Digital Theatre for those who are

unable to visit Greensboro.

"I hope that we can create conversation about the issues of the day," said Steve Friedland, senior scholar and professor of law at Elon Law. "People these days have a difficult time talking with each other about things and I think Professor Dershowitz goes right at them, and he tries to create and tries to confront issues of the day. He certainly has his opinions but it's not about the answers, it's not about the destination, it's about the journey. Talking with each other matters."



# Student association saves space for heritage

Elon's Native American Student Association provides dialogue for indigenous community

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Though the three founders of Elon University's Native American Student Association (NASA) graduated last spring, dedicated students and faculty are working to save a space for Native-identifying students on campus.

NASA was formally founded in the spring of 2018 by Arielle Watkins '18, Bear Tosé '18 and Xena Burwell '18, but the club was visualized several years beforehand.



According to Paula Patch, a senior lecturer in English and the club's faculty adviser, the three students conceptualized NASA and laid the groundwork for the club in their freshman year. But they never saw their work fully develop until they were "literally walking out the door."

Patch said the delay in the club's founding may have been because the students didn't find an adviser for their organization until she volunteered for the position.

"What happened was the organization existed in idea form, but once they had an adviser, they were able to apply to be an organization," Patch said. "So they went through the application process, so they got



Arielle Watkins '18, Bear Tosé '18 and Xena Burwell '18, the three founders of the Native American Student Association, hold their fists up in solidarity.

the probationary status, and the initial application went through, and I guess we found out about sometime in late spring. Then after that, to become a full organization, they had to create bylaws and put into place the organization structure, so this fall is its first semester as an official organization."

Though NASA has been officially registered as an organization, Patch said filling it with members has been challenging. According to Elon's 2017-2018 Fact Book, students who self-identify as American Indian make up 0.1 percent of Elon's undergraduate population — or 8 students.

"So what's interesting is it is a tiny organization because all three founding members graduated, two of the

people who have been involved in getting it started are abroad, so then one person has stepped up to do the work," Patch said. "We kind of have an organization of one student and maybe fewer than five who are interested right now, which is OK. We're keeping it going."

That one student is Sophia Diaz, a junior, who has taken over as NASA's president. She never planned on spearheading the organization, but is now working to find more club members and plan events.

"It's like a little flame I'm just trying to keep alive right now," Diaz said.

Diaz was involved in the initiatives last year. Then, when she was the only one of the group on cam-

pus over the summer, the baton was passed, and they asked her to take over as president.

"I'd love to dedicate time to this or find more people who can dedicate time to this," Diaz said.

Many of the club's upcoming events, such as College Coffee tables and a possible trip to the American Indian Heritage Celebration in Raleigh, align with the university's efforts to celebrate National Native American Heritage Month this November. Events include film screenings, guest lectures and a basket weaving demonstration, which took place on Nov. 7.

"I think Elon's making major efforts to provide a space and an environment for diversity to flourish,"

Diaz said. "I think the networks and the areas and the resources of support are there. It's just a matter of getting more students and faculty into the system."

But Patch's focus is on education, not event planning. She hopes to keep NASA's focus on education, advocacy and supporting Native-identifying students. This student-centered approach led to a graduation celebration for the club's three founding members last spring through the Center for Race, Ethnicity and Diversity Education (CREDE), which captured the attention of President Connie Book, Jon Dooley, top administrators in the CREDE and representatives from the local Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation.

The event prompted Book to begin researching the Native American history of Elon. She mentioned the founding members' ceremony in her 2018 convocation speech, as well as her opening speech to the faculty at the start of the 2018-2019 academic year. Patch is confident in NASA's unique approach to advocacy.

"Because of the marginal, sometimes misunderstood, location of Native America in general, I am actually pretty comfortable with the organization starting small and doing things in a different way," Patch said. "I don't think it has to match the traditional ways of doing and being an organization at Elon."

"One of the main missions that the students who graduated had was that they wanted to create a space for Native-identifying students," Patch said. "Our job is to hold that space, and that's what we're doing. It doesn't have to generate money. It doesn't have to generate attention. We're holding that space for those people."

# Inviting conversation around sensitive subjects

Board in Moseley Center tackles topic of sexual assault with #MeToo

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Through a collaboration between Students Promoting Awareness, Responsibility, Knowledge and Success (SPARKS) and the Gender and LGBTQIA Center (GLC), a #MeToo board has been set up in Moseley 106 to share testimonies from individuals who have experienced sexual assault.

The board was introduced to Elon University's campus last year. Flyers were scattered around school asking people to submit their experiences with sexual assault anonymously through a website established specifically for the project. Their stories were printed out and put on the board, which was placed in various spots around campus including the Koury Athletic Center, Dwight C. Schar Hall and Moseley Center.

Senior Kendall Kynoch, a member of the GLC's staff, said the main idea behind the board was to bring the #MeToo conversation to campus.

"It is such an important topic," Kynoch said. "And while people know it's something that is going on, it was also important to show that this was happening on campus too."

The board was initially set up by senior Ryan Wells, junior Jacob Stern and gender-violence response coordinator Felicia Cenca, all of whom felt this was an effective way to encourage conversation. Kynoch

said she aims to redo the board this year with new testimonies in order to continue the dialogue on campus.

Other initiatives on campus are also hoping to help achieve that atmosphere of open conversation. Take Back the Night, a big event held at Elon in the fall semester allows students to share what they have been through in order to generate the conversation in a safe space. Sex in the Dark was another event this semester that focused on asking questions and talking through concerns and general questions around sexual activity.

Kynoch said she feels "there is definitely a presence of the #MeToo movement on campus, and as a very progressive school, Elon is in a good place" in terms of generating this conversation.

Kynoch said she saw evidence of a real positive improvement at this year's New Student Convocation.

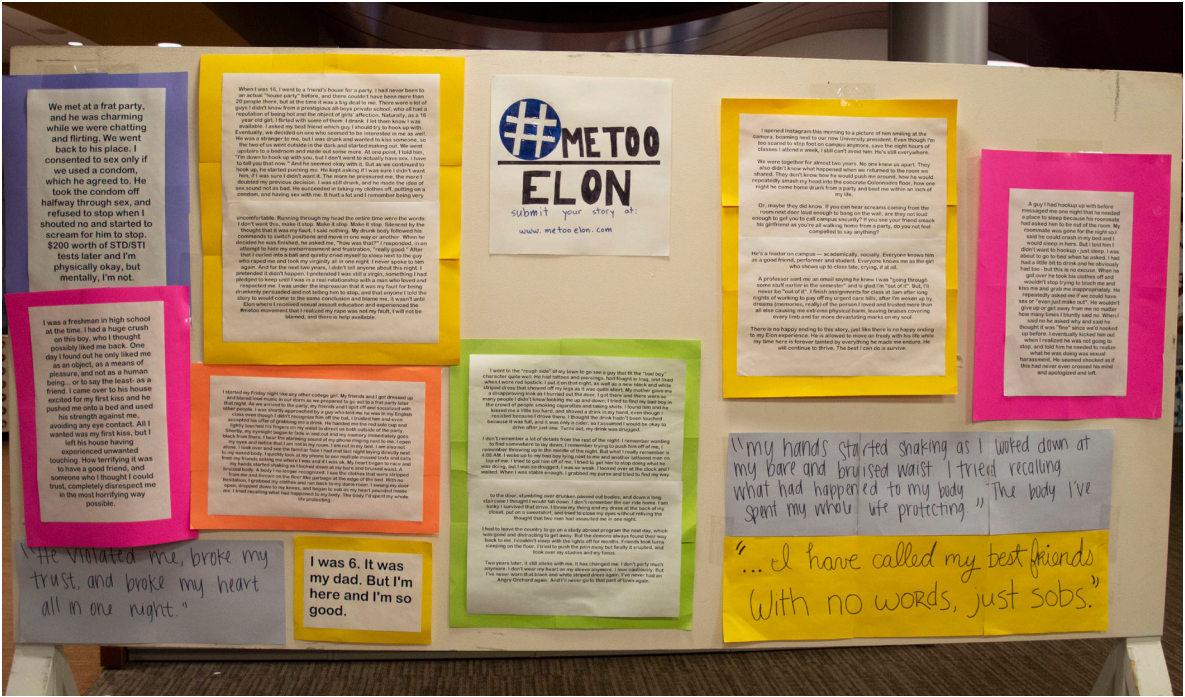
"For Connie Book to state that there will be no sexual assault tolerated on campus was really powerful," Kynoch said.

Kynoch said she did not see this level of openness around the topic of sexual assault during her three previous years at Elon.

Senior Mollie Richter, a co-meeting chair for Elon Feminists for Equality, Change and Transformation (EFFECT), said she also feels that the #MeToo board is generating an important conversation.

Within the conversations EFFECT has as an organization, Richter has seen people become a lot more comfortable talking about the topic and their own experiences.

Throughout her time at Elon, Richter has "personally seen people become much less afraid to



A collaboration between two Elon organizations led to the creation of a #MeToo board, where students have anonymously shared their experiences with sexual assault.

voice their opinions about the way Elon handles things and how they themselves have experienced sexual assault."

Richter said the #MeToo board has been really essential to this progression. "In the past, even though [the movement] was present, people still felt uncomfortable and felt it was taboo," Richter said. "Now, people are becoming much more open, and Elon is definitely creating positive approaches to talking about it more."

Through EFFECT, Richter has been involved in a huge campaign about safe sex and consent and also partnered with "Take Back the Night" to facilitate change.

"Consensual sex is a prominent topic that we discuss, and whenever

there is stuff on the news, we like to talk about it in a safe environment."

Richter said there is still improvement that needs to happen, but "there is definitely an increase in the willingness to be vocal."

According to Richter, during EFFECT meetings, people have discussed the boundaries and lines around consensual sex, and throughout the semester, they have spoken about Brett Kavanaugh's appointment as a significant event in regard to this discussion.

"We designate at least one meeting a semester to having a conversation about this while making sure to approach it sensitively," Richter said.

Both Richter and Kynoch said they feel that continuing to increase

advertisements around events and experiences on campus is the main way in which these experiences will become more recognized and hopefully there will be change in those who are affected by sexual assault on Elon's campus.

The board includes a number of resources to contact if people feel threatened or unsafe in an environment. This list includes both on- and off-campus phone numbers as well as details for the local Sexual Assault Response and Resource Center in Burlington.

It hopes to ultimately create a safe space on Elon's campus for the #MeToo movement and the discussions around it to be had.



# LINK TRANSIT PROVIDES NEEDED SERVICES

Connecting the community through public transportation service

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When compared to statewide averages, Alamance County has higher rate of food insecurity, a lower median household income and more people without health insurance. The idea of fighting hunger, addiction and joblessness usually brings to mind shelters and soup kitchens, but Link Transit is providing a different kind of resource to address the county's problems.

Link, which began in June 2016, is a public bus system with five fixed routes around Burlington, Gibsonville and Alamance Community College. Fare is \$1 per ride or \$4 for a day pass.

Though Link's organizers said they are still ironing out the details of the new transit service, their aim is to address the common thread between many local issues: a lack of access — whether to food, medical care or retail centers.

## The need for public transportation

Alamance County has a history of failed industries. Its neighborhoods were built around the textile mills and the Western Electric Company plant, which employed many people throughout the 20th century. When those companies closed in the 1980s and 1990s, some of these neighborhoods were left geographically isolated.

For many years, people who could not afford the high cost of owning a car had no way to get in and around downtown Burlington. Link Transit is meant to do exactly as its name suggests — link the area together so the county's residents, regardless of where they live or their economic background, can get where they need to go. So far, the response from the community has been positive.

"It has actually exceeded our expectations," said Mike Nunn, director of transportation for the city of Burlington. "For our size and it being a new system, there were forecasts made, but you don't know people. They make a choice every day to ride

transit, so it started out strong, and it has continued strong."

According to data from the Link Transit Advisory Commission, Link has averaged 7,091 riders per month in 2018, with August setting the new record for full-fare ridership at 8,122. Between April and June, 34 percent of total ridership got on or off at a retail or grocery store.

The most popular stop was Holly Hill Mall on the blue and red routes, which saw a total of 2,152 riders during that time. Stops near centers for education and healthcare, such as Alamance Community College and Alamance Regional Medical, were the destinations of 19 percent of all riders.

## Bumps in the road

But Link has had its share of growing pains. One area of concern for riders is the lack of bus stop shelters — stops that have roofs and protection. Most stops consist of nothing more than a small sign, which can be difficult to find. At the blue route stop in Westbrook Shopping Center, that sign is on an otherwise ordinary pole in the middle of a large parking lot.

As Link entered its third year of operation last July, its hours of operation extended from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., leading to an increase in daily ridership. Riders are also calling for a broader coverage area and for weekend service. There is also significant need for a reduced headway, or the time between buses at any given stop. With one bus on each of the five routes currently in operation, Link's headway is around 90 minutes.

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## LINK TRANSIT RIDERS

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remember being involved in a lot of planning sessions before Link got started, and the wisdom of the professional planners seemed to be that you really don't want to have a headway longer than 30 minutes," said Bob Byrd, a former Alamance County commissioner who sits on Link's advisory commission.

## Paying for Link

While these are all issues Link's organizers are aware of, securing the funding required to address them remains a challenge. Link Transit is paid for in large part by a federal grant, which covers 80 percent of the system's capital expenditures and 50 percent of its operational costs. But convincing other municipalities to add the additional expense to their budget is an obstacle to expanding the system's geography.

The orange route currently makes three stops in Gra-

ham, but the Graham City Council's decision not to provide funding for the program means that government buildings such as the county seat, jail and courthouse are more accessible via Link for people who live in Burlington than for many residents of Graham itself, where those buildings are located.

"To me, that is unfortunate because you're leaving it to a municipality to provide a barrier to the rest of the community from receiving really important services," Byrd said. "I remember going to those public meetings where they were debating whether or not to participate in Link Transit, and it was so ugly. There were people coming up and begging to have the service because they need it for work."

For government officials in Graham, the costs of operating a full route in the city beyond the three existing stops outweighed the benefits.

"We believed that the Link Transit was not going to benefit the citizens of Graham," said Graham Mayor Jerry Peterman. "Our participation would allow us to have one more stop and one member of their board. There have been two other attempts at a full bus system in the Graham, Burlington area which both failed. After watching the buses traveling around Graham, I still believe we did the right thing."

Byrd noted that adding more buses, more stops and more

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**Above: Only a few of the bus stops include shelter — one area of concern for riders.**

**Below: The Link transit bus can be seen driving around areas of Burlington and Gibsonville daily.**

hours comes with an obvious increase in cost. While it is difficult to persuade some taxpayers to pay for a service they would not use, Byrd pointed out that their tax dollars are already subsidizing people in private vehicles by paying for roads.

On top of that, the federal grant that Link relies on is calculated based on the population of the "urbanized area" — which the federal government defines as the area between Gibsonville and Mebane, including most of the central part of Alamance County. But only Burlington and Gibsonville are taking advantage of the grant.

"For all the communities really in the urban system, Graham, Burlington — the cities — their populations are helping us in that grant formula. To some, it would make sense to say let's use that, even though we're going to have a new expense," Nunn said. "There's a lot of discussion about the benefit of transit, but then it's somewhat down to a dollar-for-dollar comparison, and that will never really shake out. Transit is a public service. It's not a business."





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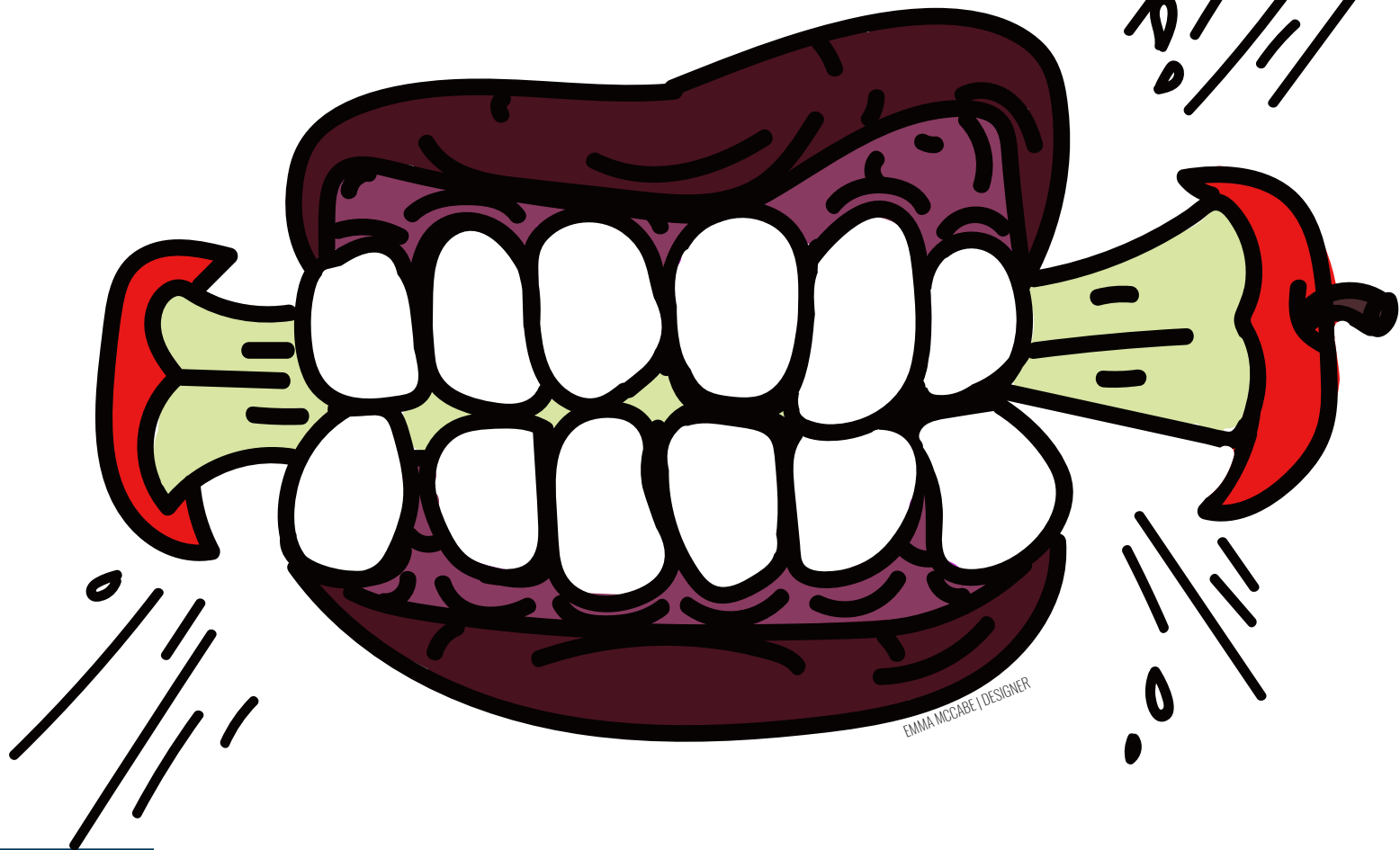
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CAMPUS VOICES

# Adopt a growth mindset for long-term success



**Melissa Beck**  
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After I graduated high school, my parents read the book “Grit: The Power of Passion and Perseverance” by Angela Duckworth. Some may remember Duckworth’s keynote speech during Spring Convocation 2018.

In her book, Duckworth details the characteristics that make up someone who has a lot of grit. She explains that grit is different than talent because talent can only get a person so far. Grit is about how much effort and resilience an individual puts into their work. Someone can be talented and never improve because they don’t work hard, or someone can be untalented and never work hard. Neither will lead to success. It’s about never giving up, even on the worst days.

Duckworth said grit can lead to three things: excelling, dropping out or plateauing. Ex-

celling in a certain field comes from talent, skill and effort. It comes from developing interests before training weaknesses, knowing the science of deliberate practice and cultivating purpose. People who have a lot of grit are commonly extremely passionate about what they do and use that to motivate themselves to work harder.

It’s rare to walk around Elon for a day and not hear someone talk about their GPA or a grade they received on an exam. Coming from a prestigious high school, I was focused on those things, too. My parents were strict about grades, and I was always terrified of disappointing them, so I can’t lie – I fall into the trap of numbers too.

What a lot of us don’t stop to think about is that we’re learning. This is all a growing experience, and it’s not about

a letter on a transcript or a number on an exam. It’s about retaining information and using it. The numbers may get you into graduate school or into a better job, but they’re so insignificant in the grand scheme of things.

I’ve had many adults in my life say they learned the most from the class they did the worst in. That “C” you received in your statistics class may make you feel upset and inadequate, but shouldn’t you take that “C” and acknowledge how hard you worked? How much more you know now than you did before?

This is what Duckworth focuses on: this growth and fixed mindset. The growth mindset refers to an individual’s beliefs about their talents. A fixed mindset is the belief that one’s talents are due to inborn traits. For example, someone might

believe they got a good grade because they are good at math. People with fixed mindsets believe they can’t improve and are simply bad at something because it’s the way they are. People with growth mindsets say, “I know this is not my strength, but I’m going to do my best and work my hardest at it anyway.”

Grit is directly rooted in the growth mindset. Grit is our passion and perseverance for long-term goals. As we approach the end of the semester, we should all work to keep this mindset and not be too hard on ourselves over numbers that won’t matter a year from now. It’s about our experiences and us gaining knowledge about our fields that will help us improve in the future. Let’s not focus on the grade; instead, let’s focus on how much we’re growing as people and as students.

CAMPUS VOICES

# Social justice is key to practicing global citizenship



**Halaj Mack**  
Columnist

Elon University prides itself on the concept of global citizenship. This is evident on homepage of Elon’s website, which boasts about being globally engaged and ranking No. 1 in Study Abroad and says that Elon students learn in every corner of the world. But I’m not convinced that learning in every corner of the world gets at the depth of what it means to be a global citizen.

To be a citizen does not mean to occupy a space, which is what being at every corner of the world describes. In fact, occupying space by being at every corner of the world serves

as a description for imperial powers who force their ways of living on others while stripping communities of resources and culture. On the contrary, to be a citizen, socially, is to be a valuable member of a community with a voice that will be heard.

Being a valuable member entails that an individual has something to offer to the community, but it also means the community accepts and supports the individual’s value. Unfortunately, many of us around the world are relegated to second-class citizenship as we are not valued.

This devaluing of the individual leads to being silenced — a silencing that manifests itself as injustice and oppression. Even though there are those who are socially second-class global citizens, others are accepted, supported and valued. These individuals, if they are to be citizens, must be concerned about the development and prosperity of their community and the members within that community.

This aspect of being a citizen, being concerned for the community and the members of it, shifts the citizen’s perspective from self to collective.

Citizenship is not simply about the expression of personal values and goals but about such an expression being rooted in what is best for those within a given community — in this case, a global community.

This begs the question: if we live in a global context where oppression is as prevalent as oxygen, can one be a global citizen without a desire for restorative social justice and equity for those who have been devalued and therefore silenced? The citizen has an understanding that the silencing of others in the community is not only oppressive to that

individual but also detrimental to the community that misses out on opportunities for growth and development due to the denial of diversity.

One must make the decision: Will I be a global citizen working towards social justice, or will I be a colonizer voyaging from nation to nation, having my values and my voice be centered at the marginalization of others? If Elon is serious about producing global citizens, Elon must also be serious about developing minds that are inter-culturally intelligent and hearts that are devoted to social justice.



# Schar Center sold out against UNC. But will it happen again?



**Emmanuel Morgan**  
Executive Director

The last time Elon University beat the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in basketball was roughly a century ago — Feb. 15, 1918, to be exact.

For perspective, World War I was still raging, Babe Ruth dominated the baseball diamond and Nelson Mandela was not even born yet. Simply put, a lot has changed since then.

Perhaps the most drastic change was the backdrop where the game was played. In 1918, the Tar Heels and Phoenix played in West Dormitory, one of the oldest structures on campus. On Friday, the teams played in the newest one.

From a pure basketball perspective, The Phoenix's 116-67 loss against the Tar Heels was not pretty. Pick any statistic, and it shows just how overmatched and outplayed Elon was against No. 8 UNC.

The Tar Heels nearly doubled Elon's rebound total (60-31), shot 52 percent from the field and scored 22 points off turnovers. Elon, meanwhile, shot a measly 36 percent and missed 10 free throws.

UNC head coach Roy Williams is a legend because his teams are known to stay



The student section celebrates after senior forward Tyler Seibring makes a basket against UNC on Friday, Nov. 9.

consistent and level-headed despite an opposing scoring run here or there. Elon guard Steven Santa Ana, forward Tyler Seibring and guard Sheldon Eberhardt all played well and scored in the double digits. But it takes more than a few hot hands to beat a team like the Tar Heels.

But what Elon can take pride in is how it responds to this. There's no shame in losing to a program as storied as Carolina. The very

fact UNC played them was a win for the Phoenix in and of itself.

In the past two months, Schar Center hosted the inauguration of Elon's first woman president and an athletic contest with a team that could very well win a national title. On Friday, Schar Center exceeded its capacity, with 5,245 fans packing into an arena only made to seat 5,100.

That's no small feat — Elon students are notorious

for lacking school pride at athletic events. And while it's true that local residents from Burlington and Greensboro played a factor in that number, Friday showed the potential Schar Center has for future events.

The spectators who watched Elon beat UNC 28-21 in 1918 couldn't have imagined what the campus would look like now. Five years after that game, West still stood after surviving the fire that engulfed every

other structure of the small college. Now Elon has an arena so state-of-the-art that Ed Doherty, chair of the board of trustees, hinted that it could host a presidential debate.

But thoughts of hosting a presidential debate can even happen, Schar Center will host 15 more home men's basketball games this year. The UNC game is over — and so is that marquee name that drew so much attention and fanfare since the game was announced in March.

It'd be a stretch to say Elon will never sell out the center again. But it'll be hard to boost fan excitement for lesser-known opponents such as Milligan College and Canisius College, that are scheduled to play in Schar Center soon. The men's and women's teams both have a chance to be competitive in the Colonial Athletic Association. But it's up to the athletics marketing department and student body to continue the momentum and put fans into seats at so they can see that happen firsthand.

The 100-year-old trend didn't break on Friday. But maybe a newfound trend of school spirit and enthusiasm has started instead.

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# LIFESTYLE

## embracing lineage

### OBSN | from cover

#### Being a part of OBSN

Hill became interested in joining OBSN at around 30 years old. After learning about her lineage to the tribe, Hill and her brothers attended OBSN meetings and researched the history of their ancestry by visiting Occaneechee State Park in Virginia, which details the tribe's complete history.

Jeffries said she appreciates the sense of family within OBSN, the deep love and the generational engagement.

"I love learning from my elders — they have wisdom that carries me through each day. What I learn, I can pass to the next generation," Jeffries said. "I am honored to be who I am — Native American."

Hill said she now knows who she is and has gained a sense of peace about her heritage since joining the tribe. Hill said when she was younger, some people "put [people] in the category" of either being white, black or mixed race.

"Now, this gives me a sense of belonging and a sense of identity," Hill said.

When she was younger, Native American culture was not part of her day-to-day life. Hill said the culture was buried because there were only a few who continued to protect the lineage.

"It wasn't a part of our lives because the culture was lost for so long," Hill said. "It wasn't something that we focused on because either people were frightened or you just didn't know which direction to go in."

With her sense of identity re-energized, Hill embraced the traditions of the OBSN tribe, which include the general ways of the people, dance, dress and culture.

One of Hill's favorite traditions is the ritual following the death of a tribal member.

"There was one time, the passing of one of our tribal members, [when] we went to the Occaneechee State Park in Virginia and to the most sacred space out there, the edge of the water," Hill said. "With that tradition, you offer up goods like good fruit and those type of things, and you offer it up to the four directions and respect and honor that person who's

passed away."

Jeffries said her favorite tradition is the Pow-wow because it brings everyone in the tribe together.

"When you dance in the circle, our ancestors are there, and when your fringe sweeps the ground, you are honoring them," Jeffries said. "When the fans are held up on the honor beats, you are honoring the winged ones, and you can feel the drums beating in tune with your heart."

#### OBSN work

OBSN's relationship with Alamance County has been positive, according to Jeffries.

"With Alamance County being one of our territories (Alamance, Caswell, and Orange counties), we have a great relationship," Jeffries said. "Alamance County is very supportive to the OBSN."

Elon has also actively engaged with OBSN. Former Elon student Erin Mellette worked with OBSN to create a display for the Mebane Historical Museum, which helped OBSN earn a grant to build their visitors' center.

"That connection with Elon has been just amazing, and that speaks with the connection with the community," Hill said.

"The tribe has made a lot of progress within the last couple of years, and we will continue," Jeffries said. "Sharing our culture is very close to our hearts. We want to tell our story and not have it told by someone else."

OBSN members have also been attending pipeline forums and were on committees as a part of changing Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day in Carrboro and Chapel Hill.

OBSN has also made efforts to focus on health initiatives. The organization's tribal grounds recently became officially 'Smoke-Free' grounds. They are also working with the Healthy Native North Carolina initiative.

"We're really proud of that in the sense of being healthy natives," Hill said. "I think it really goes back to the traditions of how we lived in the past, making sure that there's an understanding that the respect for the things that come from the earth and the respect for who you are and how you live is so important, that's mind, body

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and soul."

OBSN's work focuses on health issues, access to medical care and partnering with organizations such as Healthy Alamance and BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina. Numerous health issues affect the Native American communities, including alcoholism, obesity, mental health and diabetes. Hill said many of these issues result from tribes being pushed onto reservations. A study from the Indian Health Service, a federal health program for American Indians and Alaska Natives, indicates that Native Americans have the highest rate of Type 2 diabetes in the country.

"There's so many things that never impacted natives until they were uprooted from their natural way of living," Hill said.

#### The future

Jeffries is optimistic about OBSN's future. Both Hill and Jeffries feel a change in the climate of Native American acceptance.

"In today's climate, people are so much more aware, and they're so much [more] open to being able to elevate it and to uncover things

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OBSN tribal grounds can be seen on Dailey Store Road in Burlington.

that have been covered up," Hill said.

"The OBSN's future is very bright, and we are on the right path to becoming great," Jeffries said. "The OBSN has grown and developed in a lot of ways. This is a path that we will continue to travel."

Sharice Davids (D-WI) of the Ho-Chunk Nation tribe and Deb Haaland (D-NM) of the Laguna Pueblo tribe were the first Native American women elected into Congress during the 2018 midterm elections. Jeffries is excited to see the representation of both women and Native Americans in the federal government.

"We will have Native Americans representing Native Americans that know what issues we face today," Jeffries said. "I feel now something can be done, and families will have closure. Changes have come, and I feel that the future of Native Americans is about to change."



The Occaneechi Tribal Center holds tribal council meetings on the second Thursday of each month.

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# Senior hired into Google's post-grad program

Student selected to participate in marketing management after Elon

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Elon University senior Anna Cosentino was at Pandora's Pies when she received the call that she had been accepted into Google's Associate Product Marketing Manager (APMM) program after a month-long application process.

"I literally just started crying — I was so excited," Cosentino said. "It was like the most stressful month of my life basically. And I've known since high school that I wanted to go into tech."

More than 2 million people apply for a position at Google every year. With an acceptance rate of around 0.2 percent, working for Google is more competitive than getting accepted into Harvard University. The APMM program itself only hires around 70 to 100 people annually.

Cosentino, a media analytics major with minors in computer science and data science, said the industry's constantly changing nature is what attracted her most to technology.

"The culture at tech companies is more laid back," Cosentino said. "I don't think I could sit at a desk and do the same thing every day. ... You're kind of guaranteed in tech that you'll always be doing something new."

The APMM program lasts two years, and employees are assigned to a product for 18 months. After this, they travel abroad based on their

cohort, and for the last six months, they go through a mutual selection process and are assigned to an office until the end of the program.

Cosentino credits some of her success with getting a job at Google to the alumni she contacted.

There are more than 26 Elon alumni currently working for Google. Cosentino reached out to two of these alumni for advice on her resume, and once she applied, both alumni agreed to refer her.

"I don't think — if I hadn't had the alumni reference me — that my application would have even been looked at just because they get lost," Cosentino said.

After submitting her resume, Cosentino participated in two online interviews and then was selected for an on-site visit with interviews from current APMM employees.

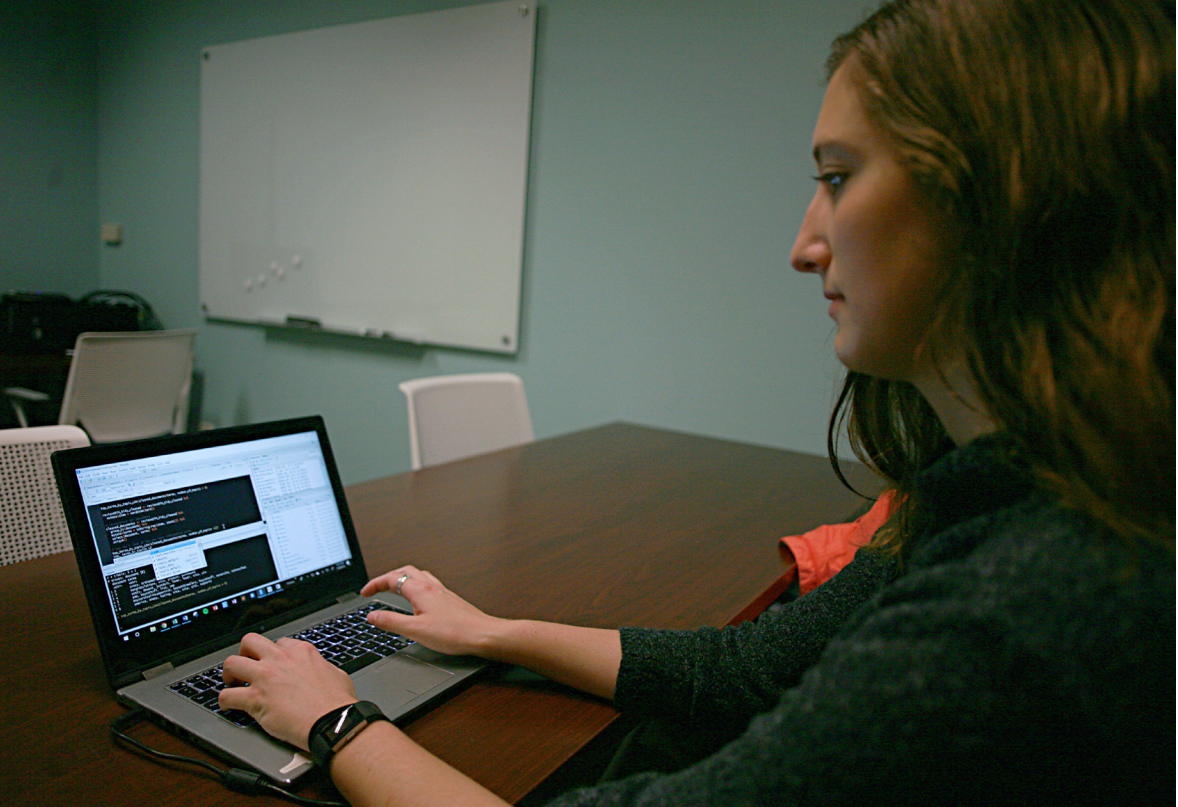
"The campus is huge. There's people riding around in their Google bikes," Cosentino said. She said the experience was truly reminiscent of the movie "The Internship."

Being an intern for Elon's Center for Organizational Analytics also helped Cosentino earn the position. This job is the first time she's been able to work for a client rather than the company she is interning at.

The center was established in 2016 and currently employs 14 students working for seven clients.

Cosentino said a lot of the interview questions for Google were geared toward client relationships, and she was able to use her experience at the center to answer them.

Haya Ajjan, associate professor of management information systems and director of the center, said presenting a project in a classroom setting cannot be compared to the work



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Anna Cosentino will join Google's APMM program as one of the 70 to 100 employees hired annually.

students accomplish at the center.

"It's completely another level when you're representing Elon as a consultant that is basically working on real data analytics problems and you're actually adding value to an organization," Ajjan said.

Cosentino enjoys having a job on campus that relates to the work she wants to do after graduation. "I'm not just sitting at a desk doing homework or answering phone calls. I [am] actually doing real work for a real client," Cosentino said.

"I'm so proud of her," Ajjan said. "She wants to make a difference in the world, and I think she'll be able

## GOOGLE ACCEPTANCE

0.2%

Over 2 million people apply for a position at Google every year, but they only accept around 0.2 percent.

years just because it's such a big company. You can also move laterally, so if I don't like marketing, I can move into a data science position," Cosentino said.

Being one of the few Elon students to be offered a position at Google immediately after graduation, Cosentino said she can serve as a connection for Elon students wanting to work at the company in the future.

"I feel like I'm like a bridge kind of between Elon and Google now. It makes me excited," Cosentino said. "It's cool to be able to graduate but still have an impact on campus."

# Popular campus dog faces recent medical problems

After two major surgeries, Remy makes a slow recovery

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On a typical day around campus, you might see students rushing from one class to another, golf carts driving around and tours strolling through campus.

But there is one constant presence on campus that might be less noticed. Most students know the two labrador retrievers as those red dogs who love to play fetch, but their owners know them as Remy, 6 years old, and Tully, 2 years old.

"We like that [students] know the dogs whether or not they know us—doesn't really matter. I mean our story isn't important," said Jen Platania, associate dean of the Love School of Business.

The labs' owners, Platania and husband Jim Ayersman, a sixth-grade teacher at Turrentine Middle School, walk them through campus every day and have been doing so for more than 13 years.

"For me, it's kind of a nice way to get out of my office and interact with students and sort of see campus in a different way," Platania said.

And while both labs look similar, Platania said there



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Remy holds his favorite toy, a tennis ball, in his mouth during one of his recent visits to the vet.

is one sure way to tell them apart.

"Remy always has the tennis ball in his mouth, and Tully always has the golf ball," she said.

While Tully's unusual name comes from the main character of one of Platania's favorite books, "A Salty Piece of Land" by Jimmy Buffett, Remy is named after Remy Lecluse, a French skier killed in an avalanche.

"[Jim and I] are big snow

skiers, so when we knew we were getting Remy, we were watching the news and there was actually a story about this guy Remy Lecluse," she said. "We were watching this story on his life, and it talked all about how he was this big adventurer and really happy-go-lucky and loved life and loved to travel and loved adventure, and the whole story just sounded like a puppy."

Platania said one of Remy

and Tully's favorite activities is to play fetch with students on campus.

"My sister-in-law was playing fetch with him and thought, 'You know, I'll count and see how many times he'll go,'" Platania said. "She got to 96 and then she stopped."

But recently, they have only been able to take Tully out for a stroll through campus.

As they took their stan-

dard route one Thursday night, Remy ate a corn cob off the ground. Remy was throwing up that night and into the next day, so Platania took him to the veterinarian. The veterinarian took an X-ray but didn't see anything serious and sent him home with anti-nausea medication.

The next day, Remy wasn't better, so the couple took him to North Carolina State Veterinary Hospital, where they found out his small intestine was swollen, full of gas and completely blocked. He was then rushed into emergency surgery where the surgeon removed the corn cob from his intestine.

Remy ended up needing a second emergency surgery after developing sepsis, which is when the complication of an infection threatens the body. In Remy's case, his sepsis caused his incisions to leak and a small part of his intestine to die.

Platania says that after

two major surgeries, Remy has about a 50-50 chance of survival.

"He's a relatively young dog, and he's a strong dog and a pretty healthy dog, so we are hoping those will all play in his favor," she said.

Ever since that first surgery, Ayersman and Platania have not been able to rest easy. Platania says for her, her dogs have always been part of her life and family.

"They're our children," Platania said. "I mean, we don't have kids of our own—well we don't have kids, period—so these dogs are like our children. Which is why we are so heartbroken about what's happened to Remy. If we can't go somewhere and bring the dogs, we probably won't go."

As of now, Remy is back home and almost back to his normal self. His staples and feeding tube have since been removed, and while he has to remain on a leash for a while, he is back to enjoying walks around campus.

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ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THE LOVE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS



ELON EATS

# BBQ wants to bring community to younger generations

Tickle My Ribs is branching out from tradition to support “Hometown Heroes”

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BURLINGTON — Tickle My Ribs sits at the corner of an unassuming strip center just a few minutes down University Drive. This little shop is a little unique.

Mark Gibbons, one of the owners of Tickle My Ribs, said they do not simply want to be known as a traditional barbecue joint. “I was looking at this in a way so that I could appeal to all generations,” Gibbons said.

Tickle My Ribs is making an effort to make those who are not from Alamance County feel more at home with its food.

Gibbons said having brisket on the menu helps the restaurant reach a larger audience and shared that they no longer cook their meat in their sauces. They offer five different sauces so everyone will be able to find a taste they enjoy.

Gibbons knew they needed to be able to attract college students, and they knew that meant having affordable options. They have a large-group menu that can feed two to eight people, all priced for a college budget. Tickle My Ribs offers a range of meats from chicken to pork, and their



CARRIE CARLISLE | SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

saucers go from spicy to vinegar. Customers can also order a make-your-own barbecue plate so they get exactly what they are craving.

“It feels like I am getting a hug when I walk in,” said sophomore Brae Robson. “Eating there makes me feel as though I am part of the Alamance community.”

Beyond individual students savoring their signature flavors, the restaurant has forged a relationship with the university. The restaurant works closely with the athletic de-

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**BRAE ROBSON**  
SOPHOMORE

partment, and Schar Center is now serving its meat and barbecue sauce on the Phoenix Dog in concessions.

Tickle My Ribs also has connections with the Elon University communications and business schools. Students at Elon are conducting research to see how much providing a delivery service would benefit the restaurant, if at all.

While they have admirers all over the county, their biggest fan might have been the late Elon President Emeritus

**The front counter of Tickle My Ribs located in Burlington, North Carolina.**

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**Hours:** Tuesday – Sunday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

James Earl Danieley.

Gibbons recalled the first time he met the local icon.

“He called me out,” Gibbons said. “He told me that in all his years, ‘This is the best hot dog I have ever had in my life.’”

Tickle My Ribs is also connecting with the greater Alamance County community through their “Hometown Heroes” program.

Their inspiration for the program came from the Fallen Heroes Foundation. While Hometown Heroes started with first responders, it has grown to encompass local legends such as Don Bolden, the late first and only editor emeritus of The Times-News, and Danieley.

This program is a way to make sure people in the community do not go unnoticed by others.

Every month they select a new hero and post their picture and a story on their Hometown Hero wall of honor.

“But it is more than just the food and the service and the restaurant,” Gibbons said. “It is just about the relationships that we have been able to build in the community.”

ELON WATCHES

# Turner Theatre movie selections hit the heart

Burnham and Spielberg offer an emotional send-off before Thanksgiving Break

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Since opening in December 2016, Turner Theatre has provided Elon University with an on-campus movie theater experience available to all students, faculty, staff and families. Films ranging from documentaries to blockbuster features are screened on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, and are decided by Turner Theatre management with the help of the Student Union Board Cinema Committee. Elon Watches is where Elon News Network previews the films to be screened the following weekend, offering insight into the moviegoing opportunities available.

“Eighth Grade”

Following in the steps of Jordan Peele (“Get Out”) and John Krasinski (“A Quiet Place”), Bo Burnham joins the ring of comedians to make directorial debuts outside the comedy genre. And what an entrance Burnham makes. “Eighth Grade” stars Elsie Fisher — previously known for her role as Agnes in Universal Pictures’ “Despicable Me” — as Kayla Day, a young girl trying to survive the last week of her eighth grade year and working through the trials and tribulations of adolescence.

Regardless of whether the viewer is currently in eighth grade or is a

few decades past it, “Eighth Grade” is a coming-of-age film that hits every audience on a powerful, emotional level. Fisher delivers an incredibly charming and relatable performance as Kayla, who struggles to connect to her peers, embodies what it’s like to be a shy, awkward teen in the age of social media. Kayla makes YouTube videos where she talks about subjects such as “How to be Confident” and “Being Yourself,” in conjunction with spending copious amounts of time on social media, editing an Instagram post or crafting the perfect SnapChat. But while she maintains a brave persona online, her real-life personality falters to that of a quiet, shy girl.

While his character may not have been the most developed, Josh Hamilton as Kayla’s father, was a shining, optimistic light in the harsh expectations Kayla placed on herself throughout the film. While much of the film deals with how isolated Kayla feels as an awkward adolescent, Hamilton’s performance as her father was perfectly dorky and heartwarming as he gave her constant feel-good talks and unconditional support.

Fisher’s performance combined with Burnham’s spectacular writing added a layer of credibility to the film that makes it seem more like found footage than a film. “Eighth Grade” feels startlingly real and authentic in a way that will have audiences flashing back to their own experiences, pleasant or not. Maybe it was that Fisher’s age matched that of her character that contributed to such an honest performance, or maybe it was how attuned Burnham is with



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“Eighth Grade” writer and director Bo Burnham sits on set with Elsie Fisher, who plays protagonist Kayla Day.

today’s younger generations. Either way, “Eighth Grade” was equally as cringe-worthy as it was hopeful.

“Eighth Grade” is a remarkable writer-director debut for Burnham that will leave audiences of all ages waiting to see what the comedian will come up with next.

**“Schindler’s List”**

Turner Theatre continues to pack on the emotional punches with a screening of Steven Spielberg’s “Schindler’s List.” And while many might automatically associate

the film as a reimagining of World War II, the Holocaust admittedly acts more as a backdrop and character of its own rather than the central plot. The film tells the story of catholic businessman Oskar Schindler (Liam Neeson) and embodiment-of-pure-evil Amon Goeth (Ralph Fiennes).

Neeson delivers a wonderfully charismatic performance as Schindler, a man who never gives away his true intention under a disguise of charisma and faulty business tactics. Fiennes’ character of Goeth might feel shallow in nature but perfectly

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**Schindler’s List:** Wednesday, Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m.

counteracts the complex layers of Neeson’s character. At the end of the day, “Schindler’s List” was Spielberg’s way of exploring the events of the Holocaust through the eyes of endlessly fascinating characters, using more popular or commercial movie techniques to tell an otherwise haunting and heartbreaking story.



# SPORTS



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## ONE LAST TIME: SENIOR DAY FOR ELON FOOTBALL



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**Top:** Defensive back Warren Messer delivers a hit on James Madison University's senior running back Trai Sharp on Saturday Oct. 6.  
**Above:** Defensive back Efrim Borders scoops up a lost ball against Towson University on Senior Day, Saturday, Nov. 10.



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**Top:** Now-defensive back Connor Christensen throws a pass against Gardner-Webb University on Sept. 3, 2016, when Christensen was still a quarterback.  
**Above:** Running back Copeland Spell works on his footwork in training camp heading into the 2018 campaign.

A day four years in the making is marked by family and reflection

**Jack Haley**  
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Sixteen senior Elon University football players made their way from the locker room in Alumni Field House, down the hill behind the north end zone and through the smoke, onto the field one last time at Rhodes Stadium. Running, walking or hobbling, the seniors took to the sod for their final home game.

"This senior class has been so instrumental in our success here," head coach Curt Cignetti said. "I can't really name every guy because I'm going to forget somebody."

The senior class has been through a lot. In 2015 — their freshman year — together the team suffered through a 4-7 season in the Elon's second year in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA). The next year got even worse for the Phoenix, with a dismal 2-9 season. Its payoff came in 2017 when Cignetti took the helm and guided Elon to its first winning season since 2010.

"One day, football ends for everybody," Cignetti said. "That's why these guys are going to be successful in life — because they've got the right mental attitudes, the right work habits and they know how to overcome adversity and obstacles."

Though Saturday's game turned into one that many of them would probably rather forget, it was a memory that will last a lifetime. The thorough beating administered by the Towson University Tigers dampened the mood of the team after the game,

### GRADUATING SENIORS

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football players will be graduating in the spring.

but it still will be a day many will never forget.

"Today is a day they're going to remember for a long time because this was a disappointment," Cignetti said. "We had a pretty good week in practice, we were focused, we were excited to play, we knew everything that was at stake here, but this will be a learning experience, because any time you fail and you don't get the result you want, there are always valuable things to learn from that."

Met at midfield by their parents, seniors exchanged proud — and

probably a bit more meaningful — hugs, kisses and handshakes with those who have been responsible for helping the student-athletes get to this point.

For some, the day was more bitter than others. Running back Malcolm Summers was accompanied by his family and a pair of crutches. He re-injured the same hamstring that sidelined him last year during the team's landmark game against James Madison University this year. Summers has been sidelined since then and, unbeknownst to him, had his curtain call at Rhodes Stadium on Sept. 29 against the University of New Hampshire, where he rattled off 124 yards on 22 carries and a touchdown.

In a personal way, it may have been preferable for quarterback Daniel Thompson to have this final game be a blowout the way it was. Though he probably wanted the win,

the loss meant he got to see the field in a capacity he had not seen since 2016. Thompson came into Elon as a quarterback and had to weather moving into the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA). Thompson ended up losing the starting job last year to sophomore Davis Cheek and has worked as the holder since then. But with 2:20 left in the game, Thompson got to stand in the backfield one last time as the Phoenix signal caller, coming full circle to finish his time in front of his home fans.

It looked as though Thompson was not going to get his shot. After scoring, Towson was able to recover a mishandled kickoff return by the Phoenix. With just under three minutes left in the game, Thompson was forced back to the sidelines. In a second, again melancholy moment of personal luck and team misfortune, Towson needed just one play to find the end zone.





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Thompson recorded no official stats — just three handoffs to his running back. But this was a moment to get back to what he was brought here to do.

Linebacker Matt Baker had a memorable Senior Day as well. Baker, who has started 39 total games for the Phoenix since arriving on campus in 2015, lived in the backfield. With two quarterback hurries and a tackle for loss, Baker would have had a career day had Tom Flacco, the Towson quarterback (and brother of Baltimore Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco), not been so elusive. On multiple occasions, Flacco was able to just barely slip out of the outstretched fingers of Baker.

And then there's Connor Christensen. Christensen came to Elon as a gunslinger from Fishers, Indiana, holding some major Fishers High School records. He redshirted his freshman year to get to know the playbook and build chemistry. Christensen's first year seeing action was 2015, when he made five starts at quarterback and appeared in every game played. He did pretty well, too, throwing for more than 1,200 yards and completing nearly 60 percent of his passes. But things took a turn in 2016 when he could only compete in one game due to injury. Then, in 2017, Cignetti moved Christensen to the other side of the ball at defensive back, as Thompson, Cheek and Jalen Greene — who made the start Saturday — were all on the roster as quarterbacks. Christensen played in nine games at defensive back and held his own. This season, Christensen has also added special teams to his resume, returning punts while delivering hits still as a defensive back. Christensen had a career high seven tackles on Senior Day, including his first tackle for a loss.

Not bad for a former quarterback. Finally, Warren Messer has made teams fear the No. 3 for the four years he has been at



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**Top left: Running back Malcolm Summers celebrates a touchdown at Rhodes Stadium on Sept. 29 against the University of New Hampshire.**  
**Top: Wide receiver Corey Joyner spits out his mouth piece after making a catch against the University of New Hampshire on Saturday, Sept. 29.**  
**Above: Defensive back Matt Baker pursues JMU quarterback Ben DiNucci on Saturday, Oct. 6.**

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HEAD COACH



ABBY GIBBS | PHOTO EDITOR

**Defensive back Tyler Campbell celebrates with his teammates against Furman University on Sept. 8, 2018.**

SPORTS BRIEFS

Men's basketball falls to UNC

In the highly anticipated men's basketball home opener against perennial powerhouse University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Elon University was unable to run with the Tar Heels. In front of a packed house, Elon seemed early on as though it was going to be able to keep pace. However, as it hit the midway point of the first half, a high-flying UNC team was able to silence Schar Center.

Senior guards Sheldon Eberhardt and Steven Santa Ana and senior forward Tyler Seibring were all able to find double digits, but the athleticism of the Tar Heels was too much for the team to handle. Out-rebounded 60-31 in the game and shooting just 16 percent from the floor in the second half, the Phoenix just couldn't keep up with UNC. Elon will be back on its home hardwood Thursday, Nov. 15, when it takes on Milligan College.

Women's basketball bit by injury bug

Elon University women's basketball fell to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 100-69 on Tuesday, Nov. 6, in its first home game of the season. Elon was able to jump out to a lead as big as six points in the early going. But after the Tar Heels took an 18-17 lead with just half a minute left to play in the first quarter, UNC never looked back, leading the rest of the game. Elon was able to get three players into double figures in the game. Junior guard Lexi Mercer, junior guard Jada Graves and freshman guard Kayla Liles were all able to crack double digits in the game.

Though the loss was unpleasant, the injuries suffered may be even more detrimental to the long-term success of the team. Elon sophomore forward Jaylin Powell left the game just eight seconds after the beginning of the second half, having injured her shoulder. After exiting to the locker room, Powell returned court-side in a sling to watch the remainder of the game. Things didn't get better — with just over six minutes left in the game, Graves went down under her own basket in a heap after tearing her right ACL. Elon will look to gain chemistry and get back on track with three straight away games against North Carolina Central, Duke University and Appalachian State University before returning home to face Chowan University.

Football falls in final home game

After tallying back-to-back wins, Elon University suffered its biggest loss of the season on Senior Day at Rhodes Stadium Saturday, Nov. 10. Just 30 passing yards for the Phoenix and costly turnovers spelled disaster and dampened the day meant to celebrate the team's seniors. Elon never led in the game, as Towson found the end zone halfway through the first quarter and didn't look back from there. The Phoenix looked as though they may have had life in them when sophomore quarterback Jalen Greene found the endzone for the first time late in the third, but a quick Towson score ended any hopes of a comeback. Elon dropped to No. 12 in the Coaches Poll and No. 14 in the STATS Top-25 following the loss. The Phoenix are going on the road for their final game of the regular season to Orono, Maine, where they will take on the University of Maine Black Bears to try and salvage their playoff hopes. The Black Bears have already clinched at least a share of the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) title and could win it outright if they beat the Phoenix on Saturday.



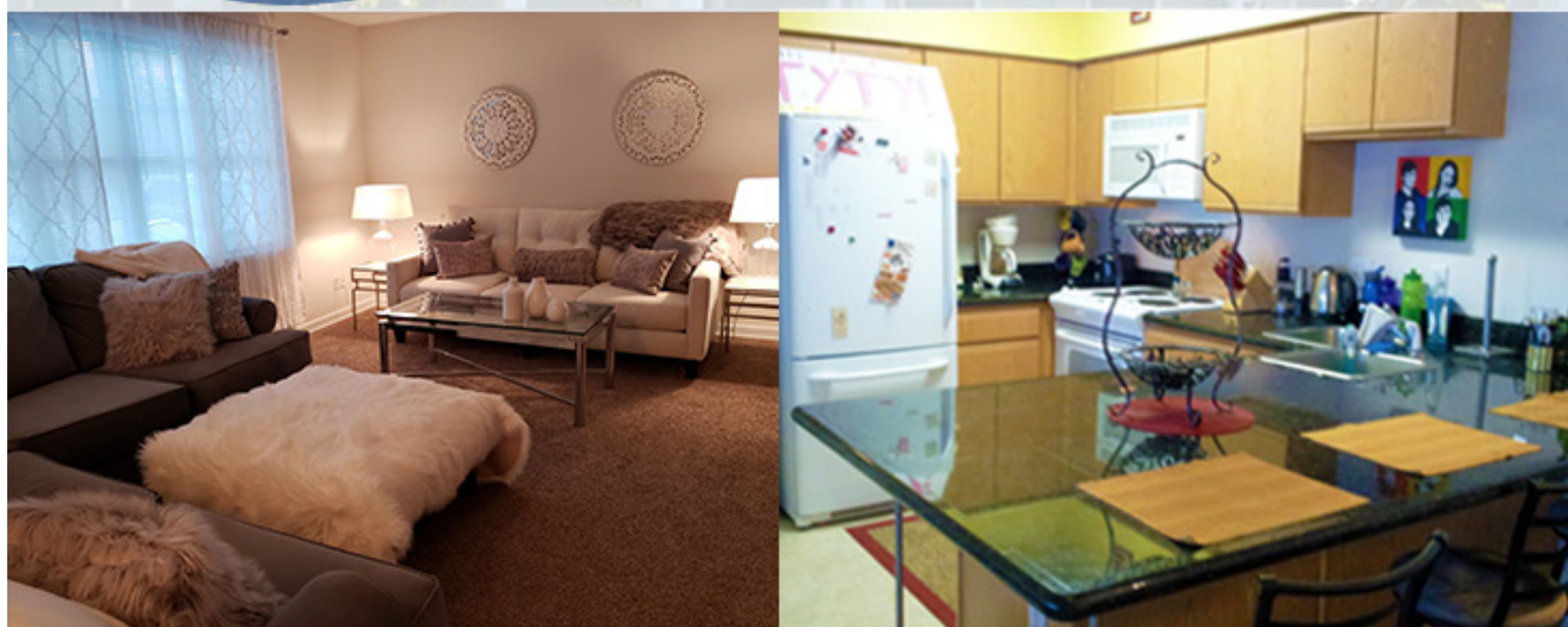


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